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Column One
By David Courtney

A SENSE of emergency, charged with electrical expectation, will mark todays' reassembly of the House of Commons. Mr. Churchill is back with a million tons of steel, but what else? Britain's trade gap yawns on one side, its dollar gap on the other and a lugubrious banker, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, sees 50 million Britons tumbling down to perdition unless the gaps are filled up or at least bridged. On the Parliamentary benches opposite Mr. Churchill, Labour sits with a mischievous gleam in its eye and as many awkward questions to put to the Prime Minister and his Foreign Secretary as there are eager tongues to put them. The House, it would seem, is in for a dramatic session.

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IT will desire to know explicitly what Mr. Churchill meant when he agreed in Washington upon the necessity for "prompt, resolute and effective measures" if the Korean truce talks should fail or if, the talks having succeeded, the truce should subsequently be broken by the enemy. Many observers in Washington took this to be, in effect, approval of the U.S. policy to bomb and blockade China in either of the events referred to. Inspired comment in the London "Times" and from other sources in the confidence of Whitehall suggest that Mr. Churchill's statement meant nothing of the kind. What, then, did it mean? Labour will want to know and will want some explanation of an American policy which seems entirely to reserve General Bradley's rhetorical judgment of MacArthur's plan to bomb and blockade China — "the wrong war at the wrong time with the wrong enemy."

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IF the Washington leakages about the new China policy should prove correct, Mr. Attlee may take the cue and form up with Bevan in opposition to a rearmament programme which has already worn down the national economy to the level of crisis.

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ON the question of economic and social policy, the powerful and refreshed Labour Opposition is likely to be vociferous, persistent and unified. On rearmament, too, there is every chance of its being unified. The Labour Government was criticized for weakness in Persia and Egypt, and, as opposition, will not be slow to point out that Tory strength, as represented by armed force, has only made matters worse, changing bad government for no better in Egypt and multiplying the causes of Egyptian hatred. In all these matters, Mr. Attlee, Mr. Morrison and Mr. Bevan — all three of them members of the Standing Committee responsible for drafting the Party's internal and foreign policies — will be in fairly close agreement. The Bevanite split, so freely forecast last autumn, has not developed. The Party has got itself into fighting shape and will keep in hard training against the possibility of another general election before the year is out. Some indication of the precision and force of its punch may be given in the next day or two.

Tel Aviv, January 29.

Eshkol Reviews Progress of New Settlements

Almost a million dunams of land were being cultivated by new settlers, Mr. Levi Eshkol, Minister of Agriculture, told the Knesset last night. The exact figure was 974,291 dunams, almost one-third of all the cultivated land in Israel.

This million dunams, Mr. Eshkol explained, will be cultivated this season and in the coming spring and summer as follows: (in thousands of dunams): 600, winter grain; 120, summer grain; 80, dry fodder; 40, dry vegetables; 40, plantations; 28, irrigated fodder; eight, tobacco and four ground nuts.

L. Eshkol

Mr. Eshkol was initiating a debate in response to a request for a discussion of why new immigrants left the farms.

He indicated that there were 10,000 head of livestock in the new settlements. Cattle have been brought principally from the U.S., but also from Switzerland, Denmark and Holland. There are also 12,000 head of sheep, 2,500 work animals, and 400,000 fowl in the new settlements.

American Farm Machinery

Mr. Eshkol also pointed out that the equipment, which has been purchased mostly in the U.S. with funds from the Export-Import Bank loan, included hundreds of tractors of various kinds, ploughs, combination harvesters, spreaders, trucks and wagons. The produce of the new settlements was marketed for the first time this year. More than a million litres of milk a month and more than a thousand tons of vegetables were also marketed during the present season.

In a few years hence, the Minister said, the area under irrigation will be increased from 58,000 dunams at present to 400,000, and the plantations from 40,000 to 102,000 dunams. The former will include (in thousands of dunams): 130, fodder; 60, vegetables; 80, ground nuts; 80, oil seeds; and 50, industrial crops. More than half of the new plantations will be vineyards, he said, and the livestock will be increased to 37,000 head and the fowl to 12½ million.

Vacancies Explained

The Minister stated that the new settlements had been planned to absorb 26,000 to 27,000 families, but they now included only 19,000 to 20,000. To some extent, the Minister said, this was to be expected as a kibbutz, planned on the drawing boards for 100-120 families often began with only half that number, and, expanded later. But there was no denying the fact that places had been left, he said, and that the movement for pioneering settlement among the youth, had weakened. In addition, the source from which the strength of the hafutz movement previously came had dried up.

Secondly, Mr. Eshkol continued, there were cases where an immigrant moshav had been planned for 150 families, but the group numbered only 90, and it would take some time before the full quota of people from the same country of origin would join. "But here, too, there is no denying that there have been places abandoned for various reasons, such as, the difficulty of adaptation to a new way of life, the revolution in values, habits, vocations and sources of income." The number of unoccupied units in immigrant settlements and work villages last October reached 1,000. Since then, 428 have been occupied, leaving 562 vacancies at present.

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Burma Opposes Chiang's Army

PARIS Monday (Reuter). — Burma today urged the U.S. and France to "persuade their Chinese (Nationalist) friends" to leave Burma, and said that whoever was aiding these forces was "playing with fire" and running the risk of a third world war.

Speaking in the Political Committee's discussion of Nationalist Chinese complaints against Russia, the Burmese delegate, U Myat Thein, said Chinese Nationalist troops who fled to Burma after the Chinese civil war were "robbing our country, killing our men and raping our women."

Last April they had made a foray into Yunnan, but were driven out by the Communists, he said. Now Burmese forces were trying to drive out these "few thousand soldiers."

The U.S. delegate, Mr. Sherman Cooper, denied that the U.S. was shipping Nationalist troops to Burma, and asked whether charges to this effect foreshadow Communist aggression in Indo-China, Thailand or Burma. He warned that any such aggression would be a matter of grave concern which would require the most urgent consideration of the U.N.

The charges were today voiced by the Soviet delegate, M. Jacob Malik, who asserted that Nationalist forces hold more than 30 square kilometres in Burma and were building air strips there. Supplies were reaching them through Thailand, he said, adding that six Kuomintang divisions were already in the country, and the U.S. was shipping more divisions to reinforce them.

The British delegate, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, said these accusations had an "ominous ring" and the Communists might use them as an excuse for their own attacks on Burma and Indo-China.

After the Nationalist China delegate, Tsiang Ting-fu, asked for time to prepare his reply, the Committee adjourned until tomorrow.

(In Rangoon today, Mr. Henry Dey, U.S. Interim Charge d'Affaires, disclose that the U.S. Government had asked Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists to withdraw their troops from the Burmo-Chinese border. The Formosa Government had agreed to cooperate, but the troops continued to be present on the border, he said.).

Mossadegh Leads In Early Returns

TEHERAN, Monday. — First election results in Teheran for 12 seats in the Majlis have shown a sweeping victory for the National Front, Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's party, according to an official Persian Radio report. The preliminary counting showed that the National Front would secure 11 of the 12 seats. The leading Left Front candidate (Tudeh) received only one sixth of the votes the leading National Front candidate secured.

British circles here see a possible threat in Dr. Mossadegh's invitation to Britain to make a new approach for settling the Anglo-Iranian oil dispute. It may mean "come around to our terms—or else," one high British source said. What the "else" would be was not explained.

Dr. Mossadegh's invitation was contained in the "message" to the British Government which was handed to the British Ambassador, Sir Francis Shepherd, on the eve of his departure for his new post in Warsaw. Sir Francis relayed the message to the Foreign Office but declined to comment.

Persian Government leaders have watched with close attention developments in Egypt but have kept official silence. One high official said, "It is none of our business." Privately, however, there have been expressions of shocked surprise at the sudden dismissal of Nahas Pasha, who is regarded among Nationalists here as a hero.

(AP, Reuter)

10-Year $840m. Plan for Israel

NEW YORK, Monday (INA). — A ten-year agricultural plan designed to make Israel self-sustaining in food production and costing $840m., the major portion of which will be provided by American Jewry, has been launched by United Palestine Appeal agencies in conjunction with the Israel Government, Mr. Rudolf G. Sonneborn, U.P.A. National Chairman, announced today.

Reporting to the annual meeting of the Board of Directors at the Hotel Baltimore here, he said the implementation of the plan is divided into a three-year period of initial settlement and agricultural development, and a seven-year period of consolidating and intensifying agricultural growth. For the first, capital totalling more than $532m. will be required for agricultural production to provide sufficient food for a population of 2,000,000. An additional $308m. will be required to complete plans and projects in the ensuing seven years.

United Israel Appeal

About four million dunams will be cultivated under the plan, the aim of which is to achieve self-sufficiency in the production of sugar, eggs, milk, oil and tobacco. Vegetables, potatoes and fruit will be produced in sufficient quantities for export. There will still be a need to import about 50 per cent of the nation's meat and flour.

At yesterday's meeting, Mr. Ellis Radiasky, U.P.A. Executive Director, announced that the name of the United Palestine Appeal will be changed to the United Israel Appeal. He also announced that as of the beginning of the year, U.P.A. has reorganized to represent Keren Hayesod in the U.S. The Keren Kayemet, which had been a constituent of the U.P.A. will function as an independent body, carrying out its traditional collections in this country.

Economic Situation At Gov't Meeting

A third extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet on the country's economic situation was held in Jerusalem yesterday. The discussions, which started three weeks ago have not yet been concluded, but it is expected that a final meeting will be held next Sunday.

Today, however, another regular Cabinet meeting, the third this week, will be held to deal with routine matters, including the discussion of bills to be presented to the Knesset.

Jewish Judges Are Lenient—Joseph

A measure designed to increase penalties for resisting, assaulting and obstructing police, and introducing the principle of minimum sentences, passed its first reading in the Knesset yesterday. Despite the 47 to 16 vote to pass the bill to Committee for further action, final passage of the clauses providing for minimum sentences appeared doubtful, as the Opposition appeared solidly against and the Coalition split.

The current maximum is two years' imprisonment. According to the measure introduced by the Minister of Justice, Dr. Dov Joseph, the penalties would be from three months to five years for assaulting a policeman; from one to five years for resisting and from one month to three years for obstructing.

Dr. Joseph complained that the courts had been too lenient in their sentences. He said 340 cases had been brought to court in the last seven months of 1951 and he read out some of the sentences. Most of the penalties were fines, sometimes as low as IL.3. None had been sentenced even to one year's imprisonment—half the maximum penalty. "Jewish judges seem to be merciful," he said. If the maximum penalty were raised to five years, they would then perhaps impose terms of two years, he opined.

Minimum Penalties

A storm swept across the floor when Dr. Joseph said "These sentences are an insult to the law." Mr. Nahum Hett (General Zionists) said that this comment was contempt of court. Dr. Joseph said he had every right to criticise the judges. "They don't have wings," he said. "They are mortals as I." He said he had told the judges that their leniency disturbed him.

The Minister disclosed that the Government was considering introducing minimum penalties for an entire range of offences.

All speakers of Opposition parties objected to the introduction of minimum sentences. Dr. Serah Wahrhaftig (Hapoel Hamizrahi), also spoke against and Mr. Akiva Govrin (Mapai), although he was in favour, disclosed that part of the Mapai faction was opposed.

The Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet, who spoke before the Minister of Justice, gave figures for three months, saying that there were 179 assaults. Mr. Ya'acov Kisbanoff (General Zionist), said this was not alarming in view of the fact that there were 700,000 persons in the country from "barbaric countries."

GRADUATED POLL TAXES LEGALIZED

The Knesset last night passed legislation legalizing graduated poll taxes imposed by a number of Local Councils up to 1950/51. The taxes had been ruled illegal by the High Court, which had held that poll taxes could not be graduated.

The High Court judgment given in a suit against the Afulla Local Council, noted that taxes based on earnings or property were more equitable, but held that under the law a poll tax had to be equal for all.

Alexander Named Defence Minister

LONDON, Monday (Reuter). — Field Marshal Viscount Alexander, Britain's most successful wartime strategist, was today appointed Minister of Defence.

U.N. Propose New Korea P.O.W. Plan

TOKYO, Monday (Reuter). — The armistice negotiators at Panmunjom had one of their mildest sessions today when the U.N. made new proposals about repatriation of prisoners after an armistice is signed.

"Nobody called anybody anything" commented Rear Admiral Libby, U.N. delegate. Only the Prisoners Exchange Subcommittee met today; the Communists had telephoned asking for a postponement of the Cease-Fire Supervision Subcommittee meeting.

The U.N. began the prisoners meeting by handing over revised data on the 132,000 Chinese and North Korean prisoners they hold. The new lists give the names in Chinese characters and, where possible, also contain ranks and units. The Communists protested in December, when names were first exchanged, that the U.N. lists, in English characters, were useless.

One of today's new proposals was that immediately after the signing of an armistice, both sides, with an international Red Cross chairman, establish a commission to supervise repatriation of civilians. The draft of the proposal emphasized U.N. insistence on free choice for all prisoners and civilians on repatriation.

The unexpected Communist telephone call asking for postponement of the Cease-Fire Supervision meeting came a few minutes before staff officers were due to leave their base camp at Munsan for Panmunjom.

The meeting adjourned after 75 minutes until tomorrow morning.

Along the battlefronts today the Communists probed into the U.N. lines, and fought small hand grenade skirmishes with U.N. outposts.

Carrier-based planes launched their biggest attack of the Korean war on Communist communications yesterday, while navy guns fired on both coasts of North Korea.

Rumania Carries Out Monetary Reform

BUCHAREST, Monday (UP). — The Rumanian Government last night announced a drastic monetary reform programme, pegging Rumanian currency to the Russian ruble, which it described as the "stablest money in the world."

At the same time, the Government announced a general price reduction for the "benefit of workers" ranging from five to 20 per cent.

Effective today, the Rumanian lei will be pegged to the ruble at the rate of 2.50 to one ruble, replacing the present link with the dollar, which was described as "unstable and considerably decreasing in purchasing power." All currency must be turned in for new money by the end of January.

Churchill Avoids Comment On Policy Upon Return Home

SOUTHAMPTON Monday (AP). — Prime Minister Winston Churchill came home today from his American trip and said, "I am sure it has done good." It's freshened up many friendships and made new ones," he told about 100 newsmen gathered in the drawing room of the giant liner, Queen Mary.

At the beginning of the news conference Mr. Churchill said that he would not comment on Government policy.

One newsman asked Mr. Churchill if he would say anything on Egypt. The Prime Minister did not answer, and apparently had not heard the question. Later it was necessary for many questions to be repeated to him by an aide.

This includes the new economic moves of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. R. A. Butler, to fight Britain's financial crisis and the debate of them. "There must be a full debate next week on the foreign situation and our American trip," said Mr. Churchill. "That would be the time to unfold any matters that might be controversial."

The Prime Minister plans to see leading Government Ministers this afternoon, and he said that if the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, has felt is necessary, a Cabinet meeting may also be called. The Cabinet has a regular meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning.

Sharett to Address British M.P.'s

LONDON, Monday, (INA). — The Israel Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, who in the beginning of February will be paying his first official visit to Great Britain since the establishment of the State of Israel, will address on February 19 a joint meeting of members of the two Houses of Parliament, sponsored by the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

He is to meet Mr. Eden during his visit.

Egypt Fails in Move Against Libya Bases

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — The U.N. Ad Hoc Committee today rejected an Egyptian demand for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Libya within six months and the handing over of bases to the Libyan authorities. The Egyptian resolution was rejected by 29 votes to 14 with ten abstentions.

A Libyan representative, F. Khakhia, had earlier told the U.N. that the presence of foreign troops in the country was Libya's own business. The Libyan delegate said he felt Egypt's attitude was based on "Erroneous and possibly biased information".

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U.K. Delays Suez Convoy As Maher Wins Vote

Egypt Expects Lead From U.S.

Following the dramatic Cabinet change in Egypt at midnight on Sunday, a gigantic operation of convoying thousands of British troops by sea from Cyprus to the Suez Canal Zone has been postponed. At the same time the head of the Egyptian U.N. delegation, Mahmoud Azmi Bey, told a press conference in Paris yesterday that he expected the next move towards settlement of the bitter differences between Britain and Egypt to come from the U.S.

Whitehall Hails Farouk Action

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Monday.—Whitehall is today busy congratulating itself on having secured the Wafd's dismissal. Other quarters are less assured, and "The Times" editorially demands an enquiry into Friday's clashes at Ismailia, which acted as a spark-plug to Saturday's mob outburst. It also stresses the danger of arousing Egyptian nationalism and the urgency of a peaceful solution.

These sentiments are known to be shared by Mr. Eden who during the past 24 hours has been in touch with the U.S. Ambassador, Mr. Gifford. They are, however, contingent upon the cessation of terrorism in the Canal Zone and the restoration of order in Cairo.

One result of Farouk's intervention is the sudden ending of all talk of possible British action outside the Canal Zone. Another is the probability that the Egyptian army may accept British technical assistance in moving the bulk of its forces from the Sinai Desert to the Nile Delta, if needed there to quell fresh rioting. A British offer to this effect is understood to have been made before the King's intervention in the crisis.

If shifted from the Sinai, the division now stationed there would have to move through the Canal Zone over British-controlled bridges and ferries, and no obstacles will be placed in its way. Only if an emergency call should be made by the British Embassy in Cairo will the British army undertake independent action, and this is now thought highly unlikely.

Farouk's action is generally credited here to last-minute U.S. intervention, coupled with genuine alarm over the possibility of the Cairo situation getting out of control. Nahas seems to have been tricked into proclaiming martial law on Saturday, in the expectation of himself becoming the Military Governor. His signature having been secured, he was promptly dismissed.

It is, however, the general view here that this is probably the last occasion on which Royal intervention offers the Western powers a chance to strike a bargain with Egypt, and this partly explains the anxiety shown by "The Times" that the opportunity shall not be missed.

The "Socialist Party," which is now being promoted to the position of the chief culprit, is, despite its misleading name, the principal fascist organization in Egypt. Its growing influence is causing almost as much concern here, and presumably in Cairo, as the Communists' share in recent events.

Wafd Pledges Its Support To Maher

CAIRO, Monday (AP).—Fouad Serah e-Din, Secretary-General of the Wafd Party, told the Senate tonight that the Wafd would support Maher Pasha's new Government "as long as it follows a national policy laid down by the whole nation." The Wafdist Chairman, of the Senate, Zaki e-Drabi Pasha, and other influential Wafd Senators stood at their seats to congratulate Maher Pasha and express their support.

All Maher said that in talks yesterday and today with the leaders of the Saadist, Liberal and Wafd parties he had found "a spirit of cooperation."

The new Cabinet took over its ministerial posts today. Under the Egyptian constitution, King Farouk has the power to dismiss a Cabinet and appoint a new Government, but this must be followed by an order dissolving Parliament and providing for a new general election within a month. No decrees concerning Parliament have been announced, however.

Cairo was quiet this morning though a few scattered shots were heard in the central disrtrict. Soldiers were still stationed at crossroads, in the avenues around embassies and near big concerns. They fired over the heads of people who began to gather or who came too close to the ruins of the buildings and premises destroyed in Saturday's rioting.

Some shops which rioters spared attempted to resume business today, but most of them had their steel shutters half lowered. Most banks were open. Both Cairo and Alexandria stock exchanges were closed this morning, but later Cairo's exchange opened.

27 Reported Killed In Aleppo Clash

Twenty-seven persons were killed and more than 50 seriously injured in Aleppo on Sunday following clashes between students and the Syrian police. The total casualty list counts 300, ANA reports.

The clashes came on the heels of the arrival in Aleppo of Dr. Nazim el Kudsi, leader of the A-Shaab Party and former Premier, who had been released from imprisonment the day before following his arrest last November in Col. Shishakly's military coup.

In Cairo last night, Ali Maher Pasha, the new Premier, won a unanimous vote of confidence for his Government in the two Houses of Parliament, which were convened to approve his proposal for extending martial law for another two months. The new Premier was greeted with loud cheers by both Houses which have a Wafd majority.

United Front

Maher earlier told a press conference, "I shall strive to form a united national front, similar to that which negotiated the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty in 1936. It will aim at achieving the evacuation of the British from the Suez Canal Zone and the unity of the Nile Valley. We must maintain law and order and ensure the security of all inhabitants — I mean Egyptians and foreigners alike," he added. "There will be no mercy for troublemakers."

Egyptian police disclosed last night that 82 curfew breakers, who had been shot by the police, were taken to hospital on Sunday night. After Saturday's riots, 416 people were caught looting and pillaging.

A British army train was blown up by mines laid on the track near Kantara yesterday, and four British soldiers were slightly injured.

The "New York Times" said yesterday: "This is the greatest opportunity in the King's reign, and it will be tragic if he misses it." *(Reuter, UP)*

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Demonstration, Clashes Mark Iraq Anniversary

BAGHDAD, Monday (AFP). — Comparatively violent clashes between police and demonstrators, mostly students, marked the anniversary yesterday of the rejection of the Anglo-Iraqi Portsmouth Treaty of 1948.

The demonstrators carried a coffin, symbolizing the victims of the 1948 incidents, as well as the victims of the recent clashes in the Suez Canal area. They were dispersed by a mobile police brigade, using teargas and many of them were arrested. Several people were injured.

The demonstrators had been vilifying Britain and expressing their sympathy for Egypt.

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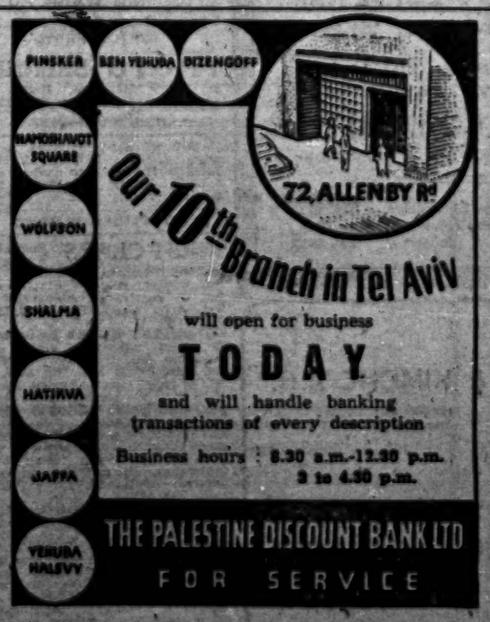

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Social & Personal

Acting President Joseph Sprinzak and Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett, have sent messages of condolence to the Icelandic Acting President and Foreign Minister, respectively, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Svein Bjoernsson, the first President of Iceland.

Mr. Abraham Dickenstein, Director of Ampal (American Palestine Trading Corporation) and Mr. Louis Ludwig, President of the Israel Fiber Board Products Corporation, New York, arrived by air yesterday. The company participates in the Sefen Cardboard Factory now being erected near Afikim.

Mr. Eliahu Eliashar, M.K., returned by TWA yesterday.

Mr. Yohanan Meron, of the Foreign Ministry's British Commonwealth Department, has been appointed First Secretary of the Legation in Ankara and will leave shortly to take up his new duties.

Mrs. Vinda Ben-Dror, Vice Consul of Panama, has arrived in Israel and is residing at 52 King George Street, Nathanya.

Mr. G. Zakif, United Jewish Appeal representative in Latin America, left by El Al yesterday after a short visit here.

Dr. W.C. Lowdermilk will give the last of his series of lectures at the Technion at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, January 30, on "Fact and Fancies about the Negev." The public is invited.

A memorial meeting to mark the 30th anniversary of the massacre of Jews in the Voivodine Province of Yugoslavia by Hungarians and Nazis will be held at 7 o'clock tomorrow evening at the Bet Israel Hall, 98 Rehov Dizengoff, Tel Aviv.

ESHKOL

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"and we hope that in the very near future these will be filled."

There are now 325 settlements under the care of the Jewish Agency's Settlement Department, Mr. Eshkol announced, including 263 which were founded since May, 1948, 36 started on the eve of the establishment of the State and still being helped, and 37 older settlements that have been expanded. The 325 points include 116 immigrant settlements, 99 kibbutzim, 26 work villages, 25 servicemen's villages, 14 moshavim and seven villages of privately-owned farms.

Collective villages were settled by groups with similar background. Homogeneous settlement had made possible easier instruction and training as well facilitated the study of Hebrew.

The new settlements could be divided on the basis of country of origin as follows: 1 each, India and Greece; 4 each, South America and Yugoslavia; 5, Turkey; 7, Persia; 8 each, Bulgaria and the Anglo-Saxon countries; 13, Iraq; 34, North Africa; 45, the Yemen; 73, Central and Eastern Europe and 83, Israel.

Mr. Eshkol also gave some figures about the settlement in the hills. In Galilee, Judea and the hills of Ephraim, 93 Jewish settlements have been set up — 73 of them since the establishment of the State.

Mr. Eshkol reviewed the accomplishment of the work villages (kfarei avoda), in the year-and-a-half of their existence. In 17 out of 26 houses of stone, wood and cement blocks were built; in others wooden huts were put up, and permanent houses were now being built. Schools, kindergartens, clinics, synagogues, and, in some of them, clubrooms, have been established. Permanent and steady jobs have been provided for the settlers in all work villages.

"Most of the settlers in the work villages have saved from their pay sums which will assist them in building up their farms in the future," he said. "In 15 of the work villages, farm areas have been laid out, and in many, the auxiliary farms have begun to be established."

The Minister vividly described the rich soil that had been uncovered under the basalt in some of the hill districts, and mentioned also the millions of trees that had been planted by the work villages as an important accomplishment.

Mr. Eshkol concluded with a fervent appeal for more educational work among the immigrants to explain "the new life that is being created in the wide expanses," and he put some of the blame for the movement away from agricultural settlements on the neglect of this activity. It was not confined to any one community, he said. "These are the birth pangs of acclimatisation and taking root."

The House will begin a debate on settlement this afternoon.

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New Law Defines Conditions Of Government Employment

The Civil Service Law which the Cabinet, at its meeting Sunday, referred to the consideration of a ministerial committee defines the conditions of engaging and dismissing State employees and conditions of work.

The proposed law, it is understood, provides that only Israelis can be appointed to permanent Civil Service posts. A civil servant, moreover, would be forbidden to hold any gainful position other than his State job. An exception, however, would be made where the Civil Service Commissioner found that the circumstances warranted it.

A provision is included, it is understood, to prohibit civil servants from holding leading posts in and participating actively in the work of political parties.

Advisory Commission

The draft calls for establishment of a Civil Service Commission, which would serve the Civil Service Commissioner in an advisory capacity. Those violating instructions of the Commission or Government would be tried at a special Court of Discipline empowered to issue sentences ranging in severity from reprimand, delay in promotion and demotion to actual discharge from the Civil Service. State employees found guilty by civil courts of criminal offences could also be brought before the tribunal. Decisions of the Court of Discipline would be subject to Supreme Court appeal.

A State employee it is understood, would be required to declare all his private holdings, apparently to make certain that his civil position would not enable him to exploit the machinery of state for his own benefit.

Whereas every civil servant would reserve his right to leave the service on presentation of 30 days' notice, the Government would be empowered to declare as "vital" certain jobs, from which resignation could, under certain conditions, be postponed.

REVIEW OF OPINION IN YESTERDAY'S PRESS:

Mixed Comment on Change Of Government in Egypt

The latest events in Egypt caught both the Wafd and the press by surprise and editorial comment on Egypt is outdated for the most part. "Herut" and "Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) call Ali Maher pro-British. "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) says that he is an "independent" while other papers stress his pro-Axis orientation during World War II. "Hakol" (Agudat Israel), says that Ali Maher is 98 years old, which if true is an all time high for heads of governments. "Haaretz" (Independent) which carries the most detailed report on the Egyptian developments says that the former Minister of the Interior, Fuad Seraj e-Din, intentionally provoked the Ismailia battle contrary to the wish of the King and the army, in order to frustrate all attempts at mediation.

Other papers report that "extremists" planned to murder the Minister of the Interior. As for the alleged "Communist and Socialist" character of Saturday's events, "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Al Hamishmar" write that hundreds of leading Leftists were arrested under the pretext that they plotted to overthrow the Government. "Davar" (Histadrut) and "Haaretz" point out that the "Socialists" are the followers of Ahmed Hussein, founder of a fascist movement in Egypt, formerly called "Green Shirts," and "Misr el Fatat," who changed the name of his party some time ago.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) writes that the rumoured Government measures to stabilise our currency and to fight inflation are stop-gap measures. The increases in luxury tax or further restrictions (on private building, for example) will only show that such measures will not affect inflation but will further benefit the black market.

"Al Hamishmar" on the other hand stresses that the Government's recent price increases should have benefited only the productive elements in this country, referring in this instance to agricultural producers, and should not have included merchants. The paper says that the proper use of technical equipment available in this country could provide productive employment in industry, and agriculture for twice the number of persons at present engaged in such work. Thus, unemployment can be fought effectively, and our industrial and agricultural output increased, imports lowered and exports increased.

"Davar" comments on the short-lived Arab victory at the U.N. General Assembly. The paper says, however, that we should not exaggerate the importance of the Arab defeat, but try to achieve a constructive solution. The monies allocated for the Arab refugees will be wasted and it is to be feared that after three years, the plight of the refugees will be even worse than it is now. Only if those elements who favour resettlement prevail, can real progress be achieved, "Davar" concludes.

Sheikh Tells Of Marauders' Thefts

BEERSHEBA, Monday. — Sheikh Said Mansur Abu Muhamar, whose tribal village had allegedly been raided by six marauders from Egypt, testified in the Summary Military Court here today that on the night of September 8, the accused were chased from the village after they stole some animals.

The Army, which had in the meantime been alerted by the Sheikh, sent a command car which caught up with the marauders, when a short exchange of fire ensued. One of the accused was wounded and the whole group was later arrested.

Corporal Amos Muzafi, who interrogated Morishat Suliman Eshel, one of the accused in prison, said that the latter allegedly had said he knew the vicinity of Beersheba well, and that he had infiltrated into Israel on various occasions.

During the day, the Court, which is composed of three military judges with the power to impose a death sentence, visited the scene of the activities of the accused to collect evidence. After a short recess this afternoon, the Court reconvened at 6 p.m. It expects to sit until late tonight and to pass judgment by midday tomorrow.

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Canada (dollar)	4.34
Great Britain (pound)	10.17½
France (100 fr.)	0.99½
West. Germany (100 mk.)	87.25
Belgium (100 fr.)	7.98
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Austria (100 sch.)	13.40
Czechoslovakia (100 cr.)	0.95
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Norway (100 kr.)	49.50
Egypt (Eg. pound)	9.89
Israel (Isr. pound)	1.80
Spain (100 pesetas)	8.46
Portugal (100 escudos)	14.60
Argentina (100 pesos)	16.25
Brazil (100 cruzeiros)	14.40
Turkey (Turk. pound)	1.05

At the Cinema

"THE Men" (Tamar, Tel Aviv), one of the most courageous enterprises ever undertaken by Hollywood's filmmakers, is a semi-documentary on the physical and psychological rehabilitation of paraplegic American war veterans. Almost the only set is a paraplegic ward.

In addition to being a source of important information, the film offers some impressive dramatic performances, especially by Marlon Brando in the main role, and Everret Sloan, as the doctor. As, however, the world of healthy people is sketched too superficially, the dramatic ingredients are not always properly balanced, and the role of the fiancee — played by Theresa Wright — has, accordingly, little importance. *Mo.*

ON THE AIR

Jerusalem: 407 m.; **Haifa:** 249 m.; **Tel Aviv:** 42.9, 32.3 & 522 m.

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 and 7.30 a.m.; 12.00 N., 1.30, 6, 8.30 and 11.00 p.m.; **English:** 2 and 9.30 p.m.; **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8.01 a.m., 2.15 and 7.15 p.m.; **French:** 3 p.m.

6.30 a.m. Service, 6.35 Agricultural News. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 8.30 Oriental Music: R. Amar. 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Morning Concert (R). 11.00 Housewives' Corner. 11.15 At the Opera (R). 12.00 Break for Music (R). 12.20 Consumers' Co-operatives. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme: Requests, 1.45 Programme Announcements. 3.15 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Music of the People (R). 4.30 Oriental Music: E. Aharon. 4.45 Programme for Yemenites. 5.00 Language Corner. 5.15 Children's Hour. 5.45 Bible Reading. 6.15 Piano Duets: Israel Gichon & Arieh Sachs. 6.30 Vocal Recital: Ruth Sharon. 7.45 Harry Horlick & his Orchestra (R). 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.57 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Marc Lavry: Soloist: Ilona Feher-Perlman: Overture "The Barber of Seville" (Rossini): Violin Concerto (Mendelssohn). 9.45 Continuation of Concert: "Kukiah" (Lavry): 10.29 Requests, 11.05 Close Down.

Immigrants' Hour (32.3 & 460 M.): 6.30 p.m. **French:** 7.00 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.30 p.m. **Yiddish:** 8.00 p.m. **Turkish:** 8.15 p.m. **Persian.**

Kol Zion Lagola (33.3 M.). 11.30 p.m. Newsreel. 11.45 Concert by Israel Wind Quintet & Kol Zion Ensemble.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS (30.53 and 42.04 M.): 6.30 News, 6.40 News Talk, 6.55 Visitors' Corner. 6.48 Theatre Review.

ARMY PROGRAMMES (230, 225 and 44.6 M.): 6.30 p.m. Programme Announcement. 6.35 Nahal Programme. 7.00 Military Band. 7.30 Today's Events. 7.32 Works by Milhaud. 8.00 Soldiers' Programme. 8.30 News. 8.45 Melodies. 9.00 Dance Music. 10.00 Close Down.

UNITED NATIONS: Hebrew Programme: 8.15 a.m. (25.27 M. and 30.96 M.).

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11.30-12.30: Film Shows of Israel, Keren Hayesod Head Office.
9 p.m.: Pearl Primus and her group: Edison Hall.

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7 & 9.30 p.m.: George Vel presents "Li-La-Lo News" by Lica Grunberg; Jascha Heffetz Hall.
8 p.m.: "Of Mice and Men"; Chamber Theatre, Mograbi Hall.

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THE WEATHER

Forecast: Cloudy to partly cloudy.

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400 kilos of dried onions and hundreds of eggs were seized by Ministry of Commerce inspectors in searches in Tel Aviv bound buses yesterday. At the Bat Yam transit camp, 25 kilos of meat were found in the possession of Ya'acov Bereov. He was detained.

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The Association of Invalids of the War of Independence will accept as members invalids from the Israel Defence Forces and those who had served in the Jewish Brigade Group and in other formations of the British Army, the Council of the Association decided in Tel Aviv yesterday.

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Mrs. Esther Risch, Matron of the Wiso Mothercraft Training Centre in Tel Aviv, who is now in Britain on a fund-raising tour will broadcast over the B.B.C.'s Hebrew Programme at 6.30 p.m. local time today.

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A 12 year old girl recanted her charge that her father, 48-year-old Zacharia Karawani, had raped her a month ago. He was released from custody in Jerusalem yesterday.

Rokach Outlines IL1.m. Drive For T.A. School Construction

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Municipal plans for the construction of school buildings with the aid of funds to be raised through a IL.1m. Municipal bond drive were outlined to the press by Mayor I. Rokach here today. At a later stage, the bond funds would also be used to put up public buildings, to lay-out parks and for road construction and sewage work.

The bonds will be sold for IL.10 each and will be redeemable in 15 years.

Mr. Rokach pointed out that this was the first time the Municipal Council had been forced to appeal directly to the public for funds to cover Municipal expenditures. The Government contributed only 60 per cent towards the cost of school construction, the Mayor said, and it was not possible to obtain a loan for the balance.

Outlining the building plans, Mr. Rokach said that all types of educational centres, from kindergartens to high schools, would be built. Only 1,300 pupils at present attended secondary schools, a figure far below standard, he said.

Dr. A. Meroz, Municipal Director of Education, said that the city urgently needed another 350 kindergarten classrooms (100 buildings) and 300 elementary classrooms (40 buildings) and 100 secondary school classrooms (four buildings). Another 20 gymnasia were also required, in addition to the present ten.

Hoofien Opens Flood Relief Campaign

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Flood Relief Campaign opened officially today with the announcement by its chairman, Mr. S. Hoofien, that IL.200,000 had already been promised on account of the IL.3m. goal. Mr. Hoofien spoke at a meeting of representatives of commerce, industry and banking interests at the Bank Leumi premises here today.

The aim of the appeal is to provide means to forestall disasters similar to that which occurred during the recent floods, Mr. Hoofien said. The IL.3 m. mark was chosen because that was the sum which, according to estimates, the public would be willing to contribute to help newcomers in ma'barot. Contributions to the fund will be deductible from income tax according to an announcement by Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan.

Mr. Hoofien denied that there had been any serious misunderstanding between himself and the Tel Aviv Municipality. The Flood Relief Committee will receive detailed accounts of spending by the Jewish Agency and the Municipalities of the funds supplied by it. The Tel Aviv Municipality as represented by Mr. H. Levanon, Deputy Mayor, was willing to accept most of the conditions, Mr. Hoofien said.

Plane Joins Search For Missing Hikers

RAMLE, Monday. — A military plane today joined the search for the two Gadna hikers who were reported missing on Saturday night. Fruitless searches have been conducted by military and police units during the past two days.

The missing, Razi Damiel, 16, and Aharon Shlefach, 17, both of Petah Tikva, are believed to have crossed the lines inadvertently, or to have been apprehended by Jordan National Guards. A formal inquiry was lodged with the Israel-Jordan Mixed Armistice Commission today. A reply has been promised tomorrow.

Shapira Replies On Censorship Policy

The Minister of Interior, Mr. Moshe Shapira, said in the Knesset yesterday that it was still the Cinematographic Censorship Board's policy to ban performances which tend to be anti-Soviet or anti-American propaganda. But, he added, in his reply to a question by Dr. Moshe Sneh (Mapam) the film "Four in a Jeep" did not come into that category.

Dr. Sneh had charged that the film, which was made in Switzerland, was anti-Soviet and pro-Nazi and that he had asked the Minister to ban it. Mr. Shapira said, however, that the film portrayed the Soviet policeman "with appreciation for his sense of duty and humanity" while scenes which might have been understood as sympathetic to Nazi prisoners of war had been censored.

The Minister said that the 22 films banned in the last few years included only one Soviet production.

Limited Accord On European Army

PARIS, Monday (Reuter). — A 1,000-word communique on the two-day conference on the European army was issued shortly before midnight yesterday, listing points on which the Foreign Ministers have agreed and which are now submitted to the respective Governments for examination. These points are:

1. The executive authority of the community will be called the Commissariat of the European Defence Community."

2. The Commissariat will consist of nine members, appointed for six years and chosen for their general competence among the nationals of the participating states.

3. The Council of Ministers, the Assembly, the Commissariat and the Court of Justice will remain, in peace, in their present form until the establishment of a Federal or confederal structure of Europe.

4. The Assembly of the defence community will be the same as that provided for in the treaty for the coal and steel pool, but when it sits as a defence assembly, France, Germany and Italy will be entitled to three additional deputies.

Stalin Not Planning War — Harriman

WASHINGTON, Monday (Reuter). — Mr. W. Averell Harriman, head of the Mutual Security Administration, said here he believed Generalissimo Stalin has no intention of involving Russia in a total war. But, he added, "there is a great danger he may stumble into war."

Mr. Harriman, Ambassador to Moscow from 1943 to 1946, told a television audience last night that Generalissimo Stalin was willing to use infiltration and subversion inside other nations, as well as external forces, to bring about his will.

Eisenhower Qualifies As Presidential Candidate

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, Monday (Reuter). — General Dwight D. Eisenhower has qualified as a candidate for the Republican nomination for President, the Deputy Secretary of State for New Hampshire, Mr. Harry Jackson, said here.

Mr. Jackson said that the General qualified because he had not notified the Secretary to withdraw his name from the ballot in New Hampshire's primary elections on March 11.

Under New Hampshire law, a person whose name has been filed has ten days in which to notify the Secretary of the State that he is withdrawing. Mr. Jackson said that the General was notified on January 17 that his name had been filed.

10 Perish in Bush Fires in S. Australia

SYDNEY, Monday (Reuter). — Ten people had been burned to death, and two firemen were missing today as bush fires continued to rage in Southern New South Wales and the State of Victoria.

A change of wind saved several towns in the fire-stricken Riverina district, a rich agricultural area of New South Wales. Among them was the township of Carabost, earlier reported "no longer on the map." Two people were burned to death in the Carabost area. Fires have raged there for six days.

Communications with Bega (population 3,000) were restored today.

In Victoria, where two fire deaths were reported, weary fire-fighters had the bush blaze generally under control. But several "pockets" still blazed.

Printers Approve 15% Rise

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Council of the Printers' Union today approved, by a majority vote, a new wage schedule which represents a rise of nearly 15 per cent for most printers. The minimum basic monthly wage in a printing press would be IL.70.750, and in a newspaper IL.75. A first class worker would receive IL.102 monthly, with annual increments, family allowances and cost-of-living allowances added. Mapam proposed a 40 per cent rise and a 13th month's salary.

Mr. Zvi Assaf, Secretary of the Printers' Union, advocated the voluntary introduction of nurses in the printing trade. There are 5,400 workers in the trade, the output of which was valued at IL.4.1m. in 1950, he said. The Printers' Union includes bookbinders among its members.

CLERKS TO ASK 15% INCREASE

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The Central Committee of the Clerks' Union today decided to follow the Histadrut Executive's recommendation to demand up to 15 per cent wage increases. The raise will affect clerks in commercial enterprises and in those banks which had not granted wage increases during the past year.

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Cables in Brief

CHANGE. — An outbreak of infantile paralysis at the British naval base of Trincomalee, Ceylon, Colombo has caused a change in plans for the visit to Ceylon of Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. The Royal party will now leave Ceylon from China Bay, instead of from Trincomalee, a few miles away.

ATTACHE. — The new U.S. Military Attache, Col. N.M. Stevenson, has arrived in Amman, and was presented to Premier Abu'l Huda Pasha, on Sunday.

CONTRACT. — The Jordan Government has signed contracts with two British port construction companies for the development of Akaba port.

CONFER. — Admiral Robert Carney, U.S. Supreme Commander for the Southern sector of the Atlantic Pact, left his headquarters in Naples by air yesterday for Morocco, to confer with the French authorities.

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Beneath the flags of Israel, Sweden, the U.N. and the International Red Cross, and in the presence of leading diplomatic, military and religious personalities, the first saplings in the Count Folke Bernadotte Forest were planted at Neveh Ilan in the Jerusalem Corridor yesterday "as a symbol of the friendship of nations and the love of mankind," in the words of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

After the reading of the Scroll of dedication in Hebrew and English, the first sapling was planted by the Swedish Charge d'Affairs, Mr. G. Hedengren. He was followed by General William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff; Mr. Sharett; Rav Aluf Yigael Yadin, Chief of Staff; Deputy Knesset Speaker Y. Serlin; Dr. A. Granott, Chairman of the Board of the Jewish National Fund; Mr. Zalman Shazar, Acting Chairman of the Jewish Agency, and Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry.

Recalling Count Bernadotte's rescue of thousands of Jews under the Nazis and, later, his efforts to secure the first and second truces in the fighting in Israel, the Foreign Minister called the late Count "one of the great heroes of peace in our era." He also paid tribute to Colonel Serot who lost his life together with Count Bernadotte.

In a message, Dr. Ralph Bunche, who served under Count Bernadotte and, after the latter's death, was acting mediator, said "Count Bernadotte rendered vital assistance to the dynamic young State of Israel in those perilous days of its infancy.

"It is a source of keen disappointment to me, as it would be to Count Bernadotte were he but alive today, that greater progress toward a full peace has not been made since the armistice, and that the hand of friendship is still withheld," Dr. Bunche said.

General Riley, who arrived two days ago from Beirut, whither he had returned from Paris last week, remarked that "countless thousands now living in this region would be among the missing today were it not for the heroic efforts of this man we honour."

Following an address by Dr. Granott, who paid tribute to the friendly attitude of the Swedish people toward the Jewish people, the Chief Rabbi of Sweden, Dr. Kurt Wilhelm, formerly Rabbi of the Ginet Ve'emuna Synagogue in Rehavia, spoke in Hebrew and English.

A message of greeting was sent by Mr. Trygve Lie. The Minister of Commerce, Dr. Dov Joseph, who was Military Governor of Jerusalem in 1948, was also present at the ceremony.

(See picture, Page 4)

MERCHANTS WARNED OF CON MEN

Merchants have been warned by the Ministry of Commerce to beware of confidence men posing as food inspectors and to examine inspectors' credentials and identity cards before admitting them to shops.

The warning came on the heels of a number of reports of men posing as inspectors and, after searching premises of shops, demanding "hush money," for not revealing irregularities.

BAD WEATHER CUTS MILK RATIONS

The persistent winter rains have retarded the normal seasonal increase in the local milk supply, making necessary slight reductions in the announced rations of Standard milk, the Ministry of Commerce announced yesterday. In view of the recent span of fair weather, however, it is felt that the next week or 10 days will bring a return to full rations.

HAIFA CITY HOSPITAL TO BE ENLARGED

HAIFA, Monday.—The Rothschild Municipal Hospital is to be enlarged on its present site, the town council decided tonight. Should technical difficulties prove insuperable, temporary huts with silicate board walls will be erected, because of the urgent need for hospital beds.

The achievements of Nahal are illustrated in an exhibition which opened in Nathanya yesterday, on the second anniversary of the founding of the organization.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM — White Flour: 500 grams, 277. Pulses: 500 grams, visitors, 14. Potatoes: 2 kilos, Yud 35, visitors, 39. Rations for physical labourers: Sugar, 400 grams, rice, 400 grams, coupon 44, special cards.

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SAILORS PLEAD NOT GUILTY

HAIFA Monday. — The 29 s.s. Tel Aviv seamen, including their captain, charged on 11 counts of conspiring to assault and assaulting police and obstructing a police officer, pleaded not guilty in the District Court here today. A defence motion to void the charge sheet on a technicality was rejected by Judge A. Schaal, who promised to reconsider, at a later stage in the trial, the question of separate trials for the accused.

Charging that not all the defendants were crew members, the Prosecutor, Mr. L. Rabinowich, indicated that he would prove that the crew had planned to assault the police with reinforcements from shore. A police request that they be permitted to board and unload the ship, he said, had been greeted with jets of water from the ship's hoses. In the ensuing struggle, the Prosecutor said, several policemen, among them the nine listed on the charge sheet, were wounded.

Harson Remanded For Murder

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM) — Robert Harson today was remanded by Chief Magistrate Y. Malchi for trial in the District Court on the charge of murdering Magi Laseri, 16, near Elath on August 27.

Mr. Malchi called the attention of the Ministry of Welfare to the baby son of the accused and the girl. The State was responsible for the child, he held, and the infant should be taken from its present home in a mission in Nazareth and placed in an institution where it would not be under the influence either of the girl's family or of any members of Harson's family who might appear. The baby should also be in a "more healthful atmosphere than that which surrounded its parents," the Magistrate said.

Deputy District Attorney A. Dinari prosecuted in the preliminary hearings, and Mr. R. Ritterman defended.

Court Upholds Fine On Obscene Book

The Supreme Court yesterday upheld an IL.25 fine, with the alternative of two weeks imprisonment, imposed by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court in June 1950 on Mr. Y. Lehman, of the Lehman Lending Library, for having an obscene book, "Verirrtes Eheleben," in his library.

The Court, without hearing the Government Attorney, declared that the book was undoubtedly pornographic and that no need existed to decide whether older English or more lenient American precedents should be followed.

The President, Dr. Smoira and Justices Olshan and Agranat sat on the Bench.

6-YEAR-OLD BOY HIT BY BUS

TEL AVIV, Monday. — A six year old boy, Y. Simantov was severely injured when a Dan bus, driven by Gad Neiritz, hit him in Sderot Ben Zion here today. The boy was taken to the Hadassah Hospital. The driver was detained and later released in bail.

At the same time Haya Mirole, 43, of Nahlat Yitzhak was brought to hospital with injuries she had received after jumping off a moving bus. The driver David Zamir, was detained.

Boy Injured By Hand Grenade

TEL AVIV, Monday (ITIM). — Yehezkel Bernholtz, 10, was injured today when he tried to take apart the detonator of a hand grenade. He was one of three children who found three such detonators in an empty plot near Hakirya.

He was taken to the Tel Aviv Hadassah Hospital, where his condition is reported as satisfactory.

American Investors Arrive Here

LYDDA AIRPORT, Monday (ITIM). — Representatives of two American investment groups arrived here by TWA this morning accompanied, by Mr. A. Dickenstein, Manager of Ampal, the Histadrut financial organization in the U.S. The group will stay in Israel for several weeks, inspecting enterprises now being erected by Ampal and its associated companies.

The visitors, Mr. Z. Orenstein, President of the Hotel and Caterers Union in New York which is about to build a large hotel in Tel Aviv on the site of the Red House in Rehov Hayarkon and a second hotel in Beersheba, and Mr. L. Ludwig of the Eagle Electric Company which is to invest $5m. in various local enterprises, were met by Mr. A. Zabarsky, Manager of the Workers' Bank, and Mr. S. Goren, of the Cooperative Centre.

U.S. Aid Promised In Desert Exhibit

TEL AVIV, Monday. — The support of the American Embassy in furthering the "Conquest of the Desert" exhibition next year, was promised here today by Mr. Owen T. Jones, First Secretary of the Embassy. Speaking to about 100 representatives of U.S. firms gathered in the Commercial and Industrial Club, Mr. Jones said that the Embassy would gladly bring the project to the attention of the U.S. government, and of interested U.S. firms.

Reporting on his mission abroad, Mr. Edwin Samuel, European Director of the project, said that between 300 and 500 companies, representing from 30 to 40 nations, would take part in the exhibition.

KAISER-FRAZER CLERKS STRIKE

HAIFA, Monday. — Forty-four foremen and office workers of the Kaiser-Frazer Assembly Plant went on strike at noon today over a dispute with the management on four points of the proposed labour agreement. These are discharge compensation based on the last salary; full pay up to one year in case of accident and disability; the period of the validity of the present agreement and two months' maternity leave.

The management had asked the Labour Ministry to mediate on these questions and when the representatives of the workers, Histadrut and management met with the local Labour Relations officer, Dr. S. Schoenblum, he asked that the strike threat be called off so that mediation could proceed without pressure.

The workers refused to agree as they have tried to negotiate this contract for the past nine months. Discussions, however, continued under Dr. Schoenblum's leadership, but the meeting broke up when it was learned that the workers had left their posts at 11.45 this morning.

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KING Farouk, supported by the court clique and senior army officers, has established a new kind of dictatorship. There were no basic differences of opinion between him and the Wafd, but he could not put up with the role of a passive onlooker when power was slipping swiftly from the government's hands. The new Prime Minister, whom the London "Daily Mail" curiously calls "an old friend of Britain," has formed a cabinet of independent mediocrities.

ULTIMA RATIO REGIS

Ali Maher might receive American support on the international scene, and Britain will be more willing to make concessions than before, but it is not at all sure whether this is what the students of Fuad I University, the ringleaders in the recent demonstrations, really want. Maher faces the same opposition of nationalist-extremist groups, as did the Wafd, and it can be taken for granted that he will try to win over the Moslem Brotherhood, possibly playing them off against the Wafd, with whom he seems already to have made a deal.

Saturday's riots, which led to the establisment of the dictatorship, were organized by three different groups: the Moslem Brotherhood, the "Socialist" party, and the Communists. The "Socialists," led by Ahmed Hussein, are the "Greenshirts" or "Misr el Fatat" — the Egyptian Fascist Party under a brand new name, who collaborate with the Communists both in the "peace movement" and elsewhere. Five years ago, when Ahmed Hussein appeared, Communists shouted "Down with Fascism," but now, following the usual Middle East pattern, he has become an esteemed colloborator. Ahmed Hussein has recently made a spectacular comeback (not unlike his former pro-Axis colleague, Ali Maher, who is now backing the West) and his toughs fulfil a function in the streets of Cairo similar to Mussolini's blackshirts and Hitler's stormtroopers, except, of course, that Hitler and Mussolini were "reactionaries," while Ahmed Hussein and his friends are "progressives."

The Farouk-Ali Maher government is merely a stop-gap measure taken by a king frightened of losing his throne. It has no popular backing itself, and seems to be dependent on Wafd support at the moment. Western statesmen expecting a decrease in tension may be very much mistaken. Egypt is not on the verge of a revolution. There is a fundamental difference between the biggest of pogroms and the smallest of revolutions. But the country is on the verge of a state of anarchy, highly dangerous to Egypt, to its neighbours and to peace in general.

THE U.S. army has announced its tests of a jacket which is made up of numerous nylon layers. It cannot be pierced either by bullets or by grenade fragments. Is not this a further example of how much mankind owes to industry?

BULLETS AND BLONDES

The manufacturing group which produces nylon produces explosives also, and thus not only wings the bullet towards the heart, but stops it at the ribs. Happily for directors the two operations, although cancelling one another mechanically, both affect the balance sheet on the right side.

The private citizen may feel some surprise at these tests; for nylon, as most of us know it, is very far from bullet proof. Made up into stockings, it seems to be equally fragile and expensive—suggesting, as it were, the era of Guy de Maupassant. In the form of a laminated waistcoat it may perhaps be bullet proof; but as a pair of fully fashioned, proof against precious little—not even, one sometimes thinks, against the passage of a few hours. Most difficult to come by, a perpetual anxiety during wear, a deep sorry in the moment of loss, no moralist need be short of a text in the age of nylons. Yet there is something to be said for them, too; for it is those things which are almost impossible to attain, and are hedged by danger, that are most worthy. A good soldier would set no great store by medals if he could buy them in the canteen.

Rediscovering Israel (X)

BEISAN BLUES

By M. ESKOLSKY

ISRAEL'S youngest mayor runs Israel's youngest municipality. Mr. Moshe Ben-Yaacov is 30. Early in 1948, as a member of Ein Hanetziv, he fought in Beisan, and later went back to his *kibbutz*. In the summer of 1949, he returned to Beisan to work with the Post Office Engineering Department. He drifted into public affairs, and when Beisan got municipal status in August 1951, Mr. Ben-Yaacov found himself Mayor with an all-Histadrut Council.

Like the old Arab town and its *ma'bara*, with a joint population of 5,000, the young Mayor was faced with bleak prospects. When the first 10 immigrant families from Eastern Europe reached Beisan in the spring of 1949, there were 600 dwelling units, many of them unusable. The Jewish Agency restored some. Others were demolished. By 1950, the first new houses were built west of the old town, and 270 families moved in. Now 500 more houses are being built.

No Land

But a hitch threatens. The Israel Government has allotted the settlements of the Beisan Vale Regional Council an area of 100,000 dunams, including 20,000 of Beisan Town lands. This gift, says Mr. Ben-Yaacov, was illegal, and has had bad results. It may interfere with building plans; and for lack of land, townsmen cannot do any farming. Fourteen Yemenite families who wanted to work the land, packed up and went to the Negev. In all, about 200 families have left the town—although not all of them for lack of land.

With no farming land, the town would like to take to industry. At one time all of Beisan was supplied with electricity. Later, the Palestine Electric Corporation removed the electricity poles, so that no power is available for factories. But the poles are to be restored and Beisan's first factory is now being put up—an ice plant. (Last summer ice was brought from Haifa and Tel Aviv).

However, trucks arriving in Beisan must go back empty—there is nothing in the town to take to the coast. Transport costs are therefore unusually heavy. A train service is being planned and may help solve this problem. Beisan hopes to have an industrial centre one day, but so far little progress has been made. Local stone can be quarried, and plaster of Paris is mined in the area. Nearby Gesher, a *kibbutz*, has a fleet of 14 trucks hauling the material to Haifa for processing. One day it may be processed at Beisan, where there is room for a floor-tile plant. Basalt rocks are plentiful in the area, and a building-stone industry might be developed. Soiel Boneh was asked for guidance, but was unable to help, and there are no expert masons in the town.

Outside Work

There is no agriculture, no industry. What do the people of Beisan live on? There are two answers — public works (including public service) and the settlements. Sigmund Gottlieb is a case in point.

Just over a year ago, Mr. Gottlieb came to Israel, from Bucharest. Because he had a relative there, Mr. Gottlieb settled in Beisan with his wife and daughter. He now serves on the Beisan Police Force, while Mrs. Gottlieb goes to work every morning in a nearby settlement. Between them they earn enough to live not uncomfortably. After public work projects—roads, J.N.F. afforestation — the *kibbutzim*, especially those with industries, are today the most profitable source of work in the area.

One third of Beisan's 2,500 settled inhabitants are from Turkey and the Yemen; one third from Iraq and Persia; one third from Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Most of the 2,500 people in the *ma'bara* are from Morocco. The Municipal budget for the first eight months of the current fiscal year was IL.34,000, of which IL.21,000—in addition to the education budget—was a grant from the Government.

Few Amenities

The people of Beisan enjoy few amenities. Most of them live in comfortless Arab houses or in the *ma'bara*. In spite of the new houses the centre of the town still remains in the narrow, unkempt old streets. In the marketplace a few vendors sit with their little mounds of oranges and tomatoes — there is little else. On the western edge of the old town is a sign: Yarost Square—an empty lot with a tiny green patch containing what is probably Israel's only private built stone memorial to a fallen soldier: Moshe Yarost, of Haifa, who fell in the Battle of Beisan.

In one natural resource Beisan is rich—its antiquities. Centuries ago Beisan was an important town on an important crossroads. Egyptian, Roman and Byzantine remains have been found. Little has yet been done for modern Beisan. Ancient Beisan, however, is to be preserved, in the form of an "archaeological zone" of 2,000 dunams.

MEMORIAL TO MEDIATOR

Site of the Count Bernadotte Memorial Forest in the Judean hills, where the first trees were planted yesterday, is marked by the flags of (left to right) Israel, the United Nations, the Red Cross and Sweden. In the background is kibbutz Neve Ilan. (Braun)

VISITORS' GALLERY

Z.O.A. Director's Lively Month

DR. Sidney Marks, National Secretary and National Executive Director of the Z.O.A., has just wound up a month's work here that will:

- give Israel eleven new trade schools and a college in business, civic and industrial administration;
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About $500,000 will be spent on the trade schools, which will give instruction in dress-making, millinery, lingerie, carpentry, machine shop, electrical wiring, ceramics and leather goods. With local cooperation the schools will be set up all over the country. The General Zionist Women's Association, for instance, have come into Dr. Marks' scheme, and will run the dress-making and allied schools in Jaffa. Hanoar Hatzioni and the Farmers Federation are cooperating in other schools.

During his stay, Dr. Marks visited every proposed school site and got through some 14 or 15 interviews a day.

"I'm delighted with the cooperation afforded me by the Government, the Agency and all other bodies with whom I was in contact," the ZOA's chief executive said. "Trade schools will have about 200 pupils" he added. "Some courses will be short and intensive and others longer. We have a work-study plan that will enable students to get board and lodging in exchange for work.

This administration college will be situated in the Z.O.A. House which will also provide temporary accommodation in the grounds until long-term housing is available.

For information service on markets in the U.S. Z.O.A. will use 940 Zionist districts in the country to gather information for trade lists, credit facilities and so on.

One other item was included in Dr. Marks's programme — food. About 140 cases of food and clothing have been sent to the General Zionist Women's Association here.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Egypt's New Prime Minister

FOR the second time in seven years King Farouk has personally intervened in Egyptian politics to dismiss veteran Wafdist leader Mustafa Nahas Pasha from his premiership. As in October 1944, a few hours after the termination of preliminary talks for the establishment of the Arab League in Alexandria, so now too the King's official reason for the dismissal was the "failure of Nahas Pasha to achieve the people's wish and to secure order and peace in the country."

MAHER

Seventy-year-old Ali Maher Pasha, brother of Ahmed Maher Pasha (assassinated in Egypt's parliament in 1945 following his proclamation of war against Germany) has been in politics since 1919, when he was one of the first members of the "El Wafd el Misri" group under Sa'ad Zaghlul Pasha. Elected to parliament for the first time in 1924, he has since held a variety of posts, being premier in 1936 and from 1939-1940. In 1939 he was a member of the Egyptian delegation to the Palestine Round Table Conference in London. Dismissed for his strong pro-German feelings in 1940, he was under house arrest from 1942-1945.

Most of the eight new ministers in his cabinet are little known independents; and the fact that Ali Maher has kept for himself the portfolios of Foreign Affairs and War and Defence in addition to his premiership clearly indicates that there is hardly any Egyptian statesman outside the Wafd party on whom he could rely.

Dr. Mohammed Zaki Abdul Mutal, the new Minister of Finance, held this post in 1950, and was one of those members of Nahas' last cabinet who were dismissed in November, 1950.

Ahmed Murtada Maghari Pasha, Governor General of Alexandria, the new Minister of the Interior, was Director of the Egyptian Public Security Department in 1947, later becoming chief press censor.

Gen. Templer For Malaya

THE long suspense as to who would succeed the late Sir Henry Gurney in Malaya was ended recently with the announcement that General Sir Gerald Templer, K.C.B., D.S.O., has been appointed High Commissioner "with full and direct responsibility" to "direct all military and police operations."

TEMPLER

Anything less than these comprehensive powers would have failed to meet the universal demand in Malaya for a radical reorganization of the war against the Communists; and General Templer appears well qualified to use them.

Aged 53, and the youngest Lieut.-General in the British Army when he reached that rank in 1942, he had a fine fighting record in Palestine—where he won the D.S.O. in 1936 — France, Africa and Italy. In 1946 he was appointed Director of Military Intelligence at the War Office and in 1948 became Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff.

More than this, in 1945 he had served with Field Marshal Lord Montgomery in Western Europe as Director, Civil Affairs, and later as Military Governor in occupied Germany; posts which put him in touch with delicate political affairs.

A Deputy High Commissioner, however, is to be appointed to relieve General Templer on the civil side of his duties, freeing him to deal with major questions.

Satisfactory as the appointment appears, no magical transformation of the war is to be expected. As Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, the Colonial Secretary, said at a press conference recently, "We cannot win the war without the cooperation of all the people of Malaya."

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To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — My daughter, Mrs. T.J. Wilkie, en route from London to her home at Kuala Lumpur, Malaya, was a passenger on the B.O.A.C. Constellation aircraft which, for reasons reported in your issue of January 27, 1952, was obliged, in an emergency, to seek the hospitality of Lydda airport where it arrived unscheduled and without prior notice, on Shabbat, January 26.

My daughter took off for the Far East by the same plane the following morning, and, before leaving, she and several other Australian nationals also passengers on this aircraft, asked me to express their appreciation of and astonishment at the completeness of the Lydda airport emergency arrangements. They also wished me to thank the many Israel officials at the Lydda airport for their helpfulness, courtesy and efficiency — the airport technical staff, passport control officials, police, medical officers, customs, the restaurant staff and lastly, but by no means less deserving of thanks, the local telephone service operators at Lydda.

The Australian passengers, as I am sure the passengers of other nationalities must have been, were particularly impressed by the bearing and personal courage of the Commander and crew of the B.O.A.C. aircraft while at Cairo, and they are grateful to them and to the administrative personnel of the B.O.A.C. at Lydda by all of whom so much was done in an emergency.

Yours, etc.
O.C.W. FUHRMAN,
Australian Minister

Tel Aviv, January 28.

NOT INTERESTED

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—With reference to the article "Foreign Currency Shortage and Local Raw Materials" on January 15, I should like to mention the following facts.

In 1942, I constructed in the back-yard of my home at 19 Acre Road, Kiryat Bialik, two small houses (from sun-dried unburnt loam bricks (one 12 and the other 20 square metres and both 3 metres high). They are of double-walled construction with air insulation and not supported by reinforced concrete. After building the walls the cavities were burnt with a kerosene burner.

Both these huts have been lived in for nine years now. Not one drop of water has penetrated, and no cracks have appeared in the walls.

These facts have been submitted to various building firms and institutions and the replies have been unencouraging. No one thought it advisable even to inspect the buildings.

Yours etc.,
YEHUDA PERL

Kiryat Bialik, January 20.

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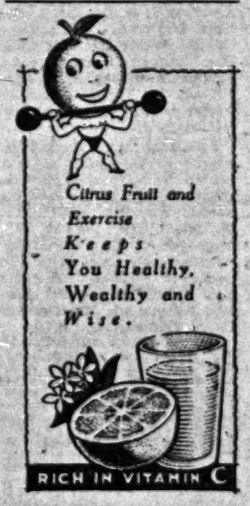

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Column One
By David Courtney

THE dramatic twist in Egyptian affairs may be partly due to King Abdul Aziz al Saud. It is not quite clear what form Abdul Aziz al Saud's advice took beyond the customary admonitions about Arab unity and Middle East security. But there is reason to suppose that the prodding in Saudi Arabia's capital had been synchronized with the prodding in Iraq's capital and that King Abdul Aziz's advice to Egypt followed closely the advice given by Nuri Pasha. Coming from Abdul Aziz the proposals, whatever they were, would have been more acceptable than from a Hashemite source.

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ARE we, therefore, on the eve of an Egyptian *volte face*? Dr. Mossadegh of Persia claimed to be speaking in the interests and present spirit of the Middle East Moslem world a few days ago when he said that the plans for a Middle East pact were unacceptable and that a military alliance should be formed by the Moslem states themselves, without "outside interference." Egypt reported the statement with full approval. Persia, of course, was never offered a place in the Middle East Command and was not kept informed about it. If the bait can be made palatable to Egypt, will it also be dangled before Persia?

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THE Atlantic Council is due to meet towards the middle of next month and a new set of proposals for a Middle East Command is expected to come out of it. What they will be depends on the course of events at Cairo and may be influenced by the course of events in Persia, where a general election promises to give Dr. Mossadegh a majority that may put him in better humour. It may also convince London that Farouk's political coup offers no lead to the Shah, in spite of Jamal Imami's letter, in his own name and that of the other Opposition Deputies who have taken asylum in the Majlis, calling upon the ruler to exercise his "moral duty" and end the "unlawful" regime of Dr. Mossadegh. With the Persian army short of its pay, the exercise of his "moral duty" by the Shah is a much more dangerous proposition than King Farouk's exercise of his.

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THE whole Middle East problem is very much of a muddle, and it is clear that the change of government in Cairo will do precious little to clarify it. It represents no permanent change in the policies of the country and no contribution to the stability of the region. It is largely a government of sycophants and medicrities and the rule behind it can only be sustained against such will as the Egyptian people may be supposed to possess and with the loyal support of the Egyptian army. It is practically certain that a general election would restore the Wafd and jam the Chamber with the worst kind of extremists. A general election in the immediate future can, therefore, be ruled out. Instead, Ali Maher's government can be expected to keep in force provisions for the control of the mobs and to negotiate with Britain and the other powers sponsoring the Middle East Command. That would seem to be the only logical deduction from the coup imposed by the monarch, and from the fact that it followed the American-inspired intervention of Saudi Arabia and the British-inspired intervention of Iraq.

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BUT let there be no mistake about it: the change provides an opportunity for the West but leaves the Middle East as unstable and unpredictable as ever, and its relations with the West as impermanent and uncertain as ever. The Egyptians, like the Persians, still have their grievances, however wrong-headed and stupid may have been the expression of them. Neither martial law nor Middle East Command will keep them out of the hands of the exploiting demagogues and agitators for long.

Tel Aviv, January 30.

Drastic Cuts Hit Britain

LONDON Tuesday. — The Chancellor of the Exchequer in Britain's Conservative Government, Mr. Harold Butler, tonight announced a super-austerity programme in a drastic bid to save Britain from bankruptcy and keep her in the front-line of Western defence. Speaking to a packed House on the first day after the Christmas recess, with a crowded diplomatic gallery facing him, Mr. Butler announced that Britain's imports would be slashed by a further £150m. annually, in addition to the cuts he had already announced last November, affecting every possible aspect of every-day life on the island.

Rations, already meagre, would be further affected by a reduction in the supply of meat, hams, canned fish, fruits, vegetables and certain fresh fruits. There would be fewer cakes and sweets in the shops due to the reduced allocation of sugar, oils and fats made last November. Imports of clothing, furniture, carpets, shoes and toys would be slashed, Mr. Butler stated.

Coal imports from the U.S. would be slashed by £2,500,000. Building, except for homes, would be cut. Invading the National Health Service, one of the main achievements of the Labour Government, Mr. Butler announced that prescriptions and most dental services would now have to be paid for. The supply of motor cars, bicycles, radios, television sets, refrigerators, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, metal furniture and sports goods would be drastically reduced.

Mr. Butler announced a particularly severe measure — the firing of 10,000 civil servants from their jobs in the next six months — in a country which has been facing an unemployment problem even in this period of rearmament. Taking a step toward the direction of labour by Government, a measure always the object of Conservative criticism in earlier days, Mr. Butler said that employers would only be permitted to hire workers through local Government labour exchanges.

Cuts in education funds would affect the building of new schools (in Britain the type of building frequently used for primary schools — especially in the North — has long been considered in need of replacement by a more modern structure) and the reconstruction of blitzed cities would be delayed, Mr. Butler stated.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer explained, "It is vital that the country and the wide world should understand the sort of urgency which inspires the country."

The Chancellor's announcement that foreign travel allowances would be cut by half stunned travel agencies in London tonight.

The Government is believed to be aiming at balancing its books by the end of the year in order to free the sterling, now pegged at $2.80 to the pound. Britain aims to reduce her deficit with the non-sterling world from £375m. in the second half of 1951 to £100m. in the second half of this year.

(Reuter, UP)

U.S. Gives $300m. Aid to Britain

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.S. yesterday allocated $300m. for aid to Britain for the current year. The allocation was made from the funds under the Mutual Security Act.

Announcing the allocation the Mutual Security Agency said it was necessary to further Britains' contribution to the defence programme of the free world.

The allocation is for funds to be expended during the current fiscal year — ending on June 30. The mutual Security Director, Mr. Averell Harriman, made the announcement in identical letters to the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees concerned.

He said that it was estimated that if this amount were not made available, it would be necessary for the United Kingdom to reduce its defence programme by more than half.

Mr. Harriman said "it is our considered opinion" that Britain's measure to cut her defence imports and domestic civilian demand "cannot alone suffice to meet the present crisis."

He added "the United Kingdom is dependent on its dollar earnings for many essential imports. The flow of these imports must be adequately maintained to make possible the level of production capable of supporting the defence programme on which Britain has embarked."

Further Swing to The Left in South India

NEW DELHI, Tuesday (Reuter). — Communists and left-wingers recorded further successes in India's latest election returns, winning some 30 seats out of 375 in the Madras State Assembly and depriving Congress of an over-all majority. Madras has thus followed the other South Indian states of Travancore, Cochin and Hyderabad in showing a large swing to the left.

Congress has so far won large majorities in the North Indian states of Madhya Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Bombay and Delhi.

Finance and Egypt —U.K.'s Problems

By George Lichtheim, POST Correspondent

LONDON, Tuesday. — This morning's Cabinet meeting in Mr. Churchill's presence is understood to have been mainly concerned with the financial statement made subsequently by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in Parliament, but Egypt was again discussed following yesterday's Cabinet meeting which dealt largely with this subject.

Yesterday's session was presided over by Mr. Eden, who had been in radiotelephonic communication with Mr. Churchill during the day. He was also among the first to see the Premier on his arrival from Southampton in the afternoon. It may fairly be said that they have jointly elaborated the policy followed by Britain in Egypt during the past month.

This is appreciated by Egyptian diplomatic quarters here, who have now adopted a somewhat conciliatory tone. The Egyptian view today seems to be that with Ali Maher's appointment, the diplomatic ball has been passed to Britain. It is expected that a British statement stressing the desire for an agreed settlement will shortly be forthcoming.

Meanwhile reports from Cairo suggest that the Wafd's unexpected tameness in the face of dismissal is due to alarm among its leaders at the extent of Saturday's riot, which very nearly became an insurrection. The death roll is now placed at over 50, and the total damage to Egyptian and foreign property at £50,000,000 of which only about £5,000,0000 represents the destruction of British property.

The centre of Cairo is said to look as though it had been raided by a fleet of bombers. Evidently the Wafd had not bargained for this.

SENATE APPROVES NEW NATO MEMBERS

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (AP). — The Senate today ratified a protocol authorizing the admission of Greece and Turkey to NATO. Only six senators were on the floor when the vote was taken. But approval of the protocol had been agreed upon by the leadership of both parties.

Churchill Says Big 3 Talks Still Possible

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Winston Churchill said today the possibility of a Big Three meeting with Marshal Stalin and President Truman was still open.

A Labour Member, Mr. Norman Dodds, said there was a public desire for this meeting, which might lessen international tension. Mr. Churchill, in reply, only recalled a statement he made in November: "There are at present no plans for negotiations on general problems with the Soviet Union, but the possibility of a high-level meeting should not be excluded if circumstances are favourable."

Mr. Churchill announced that he would make a preliminary statement on his Washington talks with Mr. Truman to the House of Commons tomorrow.

Four-Year-Old Girl Killed by Truck

MIGDAL ASCALON, Tuesday (ITIM).—Four year old Suhila Hatib was killed when she was hit by a truck while playing near a garage here today. Her seven-year-old sister, who was with her at the time, was injured. The girls belong to the only Arab family which remains here.

Seven soldiers were injured when their military truck collided with a civilian vehicle on the Masmiya-Gedera road this morning.

Israel Complains To U.N. Against Syrian Threats

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — Israel today complained to the President of the Security Council that recent speeches by Syrian representatives in U.N. meetings had violated the Charter by threatening the use of force against another state.

A letter from Mr. Abba Eban, permanent Israel delegate to the U.N. quoted statements by Ahmed Shukeiri in the Special Committee on January 22, when he stated that he looked forward to the elimination of Israel from the U.N.

The Syrian delegate was also quoted as warning Israel of "a storm which would tear the structure of Israel down to the foundations."

Mr. Eban wrote that the Government of Israel did not recall any other instance of a member state of the U.N. making such open threats against the independence of another state, and added: "Israel will resist any unauthorized passage across armistice lines, whether of military forces or groups of civilians."

At the same time, Mr. Eban dismissed the recent charges made by the Jordan Government in a letter addressed to the Secretary General on January 23, referring to alleged violation of the armistice agreement by Israel, as "distorted and inaccurate."

In connection with the complaints against Syria, Israel reserved her right to request meetings of the Security Council to consider and pass judgment on statements containing an alleged threat of the use of force against Israel.

Marauders Get 6—12 Years

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — Six infiltrators who attempted to raid a Beduin camp on September 28, 1951, were sent to prison for terms ranging from six to 12 years by a Military Court here today.

After sitting for 23 hours the Court, composed of three army officers, found all six guilty of banding together and possessing firearms. Eid Mansur Moza'id and Suliman Hassan Salim were sentenced to eight and 12 years each, the terms to run concurrently; Ali Suliman Ibn Mansur, Suliman Jama Mousa and Suliman Suliman, eight years each; and Morishat Suliman Esh'ei, six and nine years, to run concurrently. All sentences are subject to confirmation by the Chief of Staff, Rav Aluf Yigael Yadin.

Demanding the death penalty for all six, the Military Prosecutor said that anything less would put a head to present and would encourage infiltration. In one year, he pointed out, there had been 2,000 marauding incidents in which 13 Israelis had been killed. In the past three months, bandits from across the borders had robbed and looted property to the value of IL.750,00. One of the sten guns carried by the men bore Israel army markings.

The Civilian Defence Counsel, Mr. A. Jagnes, of Petah Tikva, argued that the defence regulations, created by the British in 1945, were meant for political crimes. There was no Israel law which defined the crime of infiltration, he said.

JAPAN PRODUCING ARMS

WASHINGTON, Tuesday (AP). — Japan has been making munitions for the U.S. occupation forces for a long time, the U.S. State Department revealed today. Officials said orders for arms from Japan were increased when the Korean war began.

Cables in Brief

FLOODS. — Flood waters of the Ohio river swept through the states of Ohio and West Virginia on Monday, claiming at least nine lives and forcing 7,000 people from their homes.

CRASH. — A U.S. bomber crashed and exploded near Tokyo yesterday. 11 members of the crew of 13 baling out.

URANIUM. — French scientists have found appreciable quantities of uranium in Moroccan phosphates, Colonel Pommery, Director of Industrial Production in Morocco, stated yesterday.

COAL. — France will produce 60,000,000 tons of coal annually between 1952 and 1956 as compared with 53,000,000 tons produced in 1951, the French Ministry of Industry and Power stated yesterday.

CONTRACT. — The U.S. Navy on Monday placed a $30m. contract for converting two heavy cruisers into guided-missile ships.

TARGET. — The Soviet Union's overall target for industry in 1951 was exceeded by three and a half per cent, Moscow Radio announced yesterday. Among the industries exceeding their target were iron and steel, food; building and road construction.

MOURNERS. — Traffic was disorganized in Moscow on Monday by a file of some 100,000 people who had come to pay their last respects to Marshal Choi Bal San, Premier of Outer Mongolia, who died on Monday after a long illness. He had come to Moscow for cancer treatment.

DE-RATIONING. — Hungary officially announced on Monday that the rationing of fats, oil and margarine would be abolished before March 1, leaving only meat still rationed.

CONDEMNATION. — About 100 Pakistani political leaders and workers from many parties at a meeting in Karachi yesterday condemned British and French policy in Arab countries and decided to set up a world-wide "Moslem People Organization."

REFUGEES. — The Western Allied Kommandatura in Berlin has informed the West Berlin City Government that it will no longer insist on a limitation on the number of refugees granted permanent residence permits in the Western sectors.

HURRICANE. — At least 13 Fijians and Indians are feared to have been killed and several hundred injured in the hurricane which swept Fiji on Monday.

ASSEMBLY. — A special proclamation in Asmara yesterday announced that Eritreans would shortly elect a temporary Assembly, the first in their history, to approve a constitution submitted by the U.N. Commissioner.

Assembly Approves Aid to Libya

PARIS, Tuesday (Reuter). — The U.N. General Assembly today overwhelmingly approved a joint Anglo-French proposal calling for U.N. assistance in strengthening the Libyan economy and in helping Libya repair war damage.

With only the Soviet bloc opposing, the Assembly also approved directives regarding Eritrea, under which all Italian state property in the former colony will be handed over to the new autonomous Eritrean Government, to be formed not later than September 15 this year.

Chinese Complaint Upheld in U.N.

PARIS, Tuesday. — The U.N. Political Committee today upheld Nationalist China's complaint that the Soviet Union had failed to carry out its treaty of friendship and alliance with China.

The voting was 24 to nine with 25 abstentions. The U.S. was the only major power to vote for the resolution. Other supporters included 15 South and Central American states, Nationalist China, Greece, Iraq, Liberia, the Philippines, Thailand and Turkey.

Israel, India, Indonesia and Burma joined the five Soviet bloc nations in opposing the complaint.

The resolution also found that the Soviet Union had prevented the Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek from reestablishing Chinese national authority in Manchuria after the Japanese surrender, and of helping the Communists in their fight against the Nationalist Government.

Denies Burmese Charges

Nationalist China denied, in the debate preceding the vote, Burma's charge yesterday that she had sent reinforcements to the forces operating in Burma in the last three years, and added that she had no intention of making Burma a military base of any kind.

The U.S. delegate, Mr. John Cooper, repeated his warning that any further aggression in South-East Asia would bring immediate U.N action. He reiterated his denial that the U.S. was aiding the Chinese Nationalist troops in Burma to prepare for an invasion of the Chinese mainland.

M. Jacob Malik of the USSR said that Mr. Cooper had not refuted a single Soviet accusation. The Soviet delegation, Mr. Malik stated, had cited facts and quoted Burma's political leaders, who said six Kuomintang divisions armed and instructed by Americans, were "holding forth in Burma." He asked Mr. Cooper to confirm or deny the presence of American officers in Burma and, if they were there, to explain why.

Communists Agree Sick POW's to Get Priority

PANMUNJOM, Tuesday. — The Communists today agreed in principle to priority repatriation of sick and wounded prisoners of war after a Korean armistice had been signed.

But they rejected a U.N. draft handed to them yesterday, proposing a form of wording for the agreements reached to date on the prisoner exchange issue.

The U.N. spokesman, Brigadier General William Nuckols, said, however, that "the U.N. Command draft will continue to be the basis for discussion in the prisoner exchange."

The subcommittee dealing with prisoner exchange met for three hours today, and was due to reconvene tomorrow.

Rome Trial of I.Z.L. Men—In Absence

ROME, Tuesday (Reuter. — A Rome Court today opened the trial in their absence of eight alleged "Jewish terrorists," accused of hurling a bomb against the British Embassy here in October 1946.

Two Italians were injured at the time and the Embassy building damaged. After a brief session the trial was postponed indefinitely on a legal technicality because the summons of one of the defendants was addressed to the wrong defence counsel.

Police arrested the eight accused, six men and two girls, after the incident. They were alleged to have admitted to the police that they belonged to the Irgun Zvai Leumi, but denied that they had thrown the bomb.

They were provisionally released and left Italy. They were believed to be now in Israel.

Eden Urges Egypt's New Cabinet To Discuss Peace

LONDON, Tuesday (AP). — Britain appealed to Egypt's new Government today to put out the fires of hatred and talk peace in the bloody Suez Canal dispute.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, speaking in the House of Commons, asserted Britain is still willing to meet Egyptian aspirations in setting up a new defence of the Canal Zone. He gave no details.

The "Egyptian aspiration" in the Canal Zone is to get rid of British troops. Many regarded Mr. Eden's statement as a conciliatory gesture towards King Farouk's new Prime Minister, Ali Maher Pasha.

Mr. Eden blamed the Government of former Premier Nahas Pasha for last Friday's clash in Ismailia between British troops and Egyptian auxiliary police, and the riots in Cairo.

During the debate a Labour Member, Mr. Harold Davies, asked, "Had the Foreign Secretary reviewed the possibilities of moving from there (the Canal Zone) to Israel, and of discussion with the State of Israel on that supposition."

Mr. Eden replied that he would merely stand by the "very carefully chosen" words of his statement.

Maher, Nahas Meet Again

CAIRO, Tuesday.—Egypt's new Premier, Ali Maher Pasha, today held a secret 40-minute conference with the man he has replaced, Nahas Pasha. They are believed to have discussed relations with Britain.

Egyptian circles say they also discussed both internal peace and the question of broadening the regime into a "national front" of as many parties as possible, including the Wafd nationalists. If this can be achieved, it would be regarded as a major accomplishment by Maher.

Earlier, the Premier went on foot through the streets to see the wrecked and burned buildings where the week-end rioters did £40m. damage, of which £5m. affected British property.

Salah e-Din Pasha, Foreign Minister in the Nahas Cabinet, arrived here by air today from Paris, where he led the Egyptian delegation to the U.N. The new Premier, who himself now holds the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, sent a representative to meet him.

Crowd Hails Salah

Cairo Radio reported that a crowd which met Salah at Farouk airport carried him on its shoulders, shouting slogans demanding British withdrawal from the Canal Zone, the intercorporation of Sudan with Egypt and a national front.

(In Washington today, Mr. Michael McDermott, State Department spokesman, said the U.S. is not mediating or planning to mediate in the Anglo-Egyptian dispute "in any formal sense.")

Latest reports reaching British HQ in Ismailia said today that nine Britons were killed, four injured and three still missing, presumed dead, in Cairo's week-end riots. All the casualties were elderly people, and at least one had a long and distinguished career in Egypt, a British spokesman said. There were several cases of planned murder of British subjects, he added.

The spokesman said that as a result of events last week in the Canal Zone, culminating in the Ismailia battle last Friday, the situation had "greatly improved."

Over 40 buildings were burned during the week-end riots in Cairo, according to information reaching General Erskine's Headquarters from British Embassy sources yesterday.

The list includes: Shepherd's Hotel, the Transworld Airlines offices, Swedish and Lebanese Consulates, French Chamber of Commerce, Michelin agencies, Barclays Bank, British Overseas Airways Corporation, Thomas Cook offices, Turf Club, Cairo Motor Co. showrooms, Anglo-Egyptian Motor showrooms.

Six foreign-owned stores were burned and three Italian shops, Groppi's, Pappas and Bosco. Several Greek grocer shops were also destroyed. Places of amusement burned down included ten large cinemas and several smaller ones, St. James Restaurant, Parisiana Restaurant, Cecil Bar, Badia Cabaret, Auberge de Pyramides night club, and the Egyptian Royal Automobile Club.

In London, British Overseas Airways Corporation said last night it expected its African service would resume, using Farouk airport in Cairo, about February 1. B.O.A.C. flights to Africa and the East have by-passed Cairo since Friday.

(Reuter, UP)

HOUSE COMMITTEE REJECTS PROTEST

The parliamentary House Committee yesterday rejected the protest by the Opposition parties against the decision of the Foreign Affairs and Security Committee permitting the Foreign Ministry to act as it saw fit in the matter of negotiations with Germany.

The Knesset had voted authority to the Committee to determine the line of action. The Committee, by the votes of the coalition supporters, delegated the authority to the Government, at the request of Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett.

Food Bill: $6.5m. Per Month

Finance Minister Eliezer Kaplan is understood to have told the Cabinet that the Treasury could not be committed to meet the monthly quota of $6,500,000 in foreign currency needed to maintain present food rations.

Mr. Kaplan did not recommend cutting the quota, which would mean reducing rations, but said there was no guarantee that funds would be available in time. The effect of this is the threat of another food crisis such as that of four months ago, when the Government was unable to supply promised rations.

This was one of the problems discussed in the Cabinet talks on the economic situation.

The Cabinet discussed the Civil Service Law at yesterday's meeting in Jerusalem. It was announced officially, Monday's session was devoted to a summary of the economic discussions and the formulation of proposals.

Again there was no press briefing after the meeting — the third this week.

Aleppo Is Cut Off by Syrian Army; Selo Charges 'Revolt'

Martial Law, Curfew Imposed

Aleppo, Syria's second largest town, and its 400,000 residents were yesterday still cut off from the remainder of the country following the Syrian army's imposition of martial law and a curfew after Sunday's clashes between students and the police.

Syria's Chief of State, Fawzi Selo, last night told the country over Damascus Radio that the recent student strikes and demonstrations in Aleppo and elsewhere amounted to "an open revolt."

In isolated Aleppo, a general strike was observed yesterday as all shops, offices and public places remained closed in protest against the killing by the Syrian army on Sunday of 27 persons, including the daughter of Dr. Nazim el Kudsi, leader of the A-Shaab Party and former Premier.

In an attempt to prevent the further participation of students in politics, Fawzi Selo in his broadcast last night demanded that they keep away from political activities. He warned party leaders they would be prosecuted if students were found on their party lists.

First Open Outbreak

Sunday's demonstrations against the Damascus military regime, established two months ago following Colonel Shishakly's coup d'etat, was the first open sign of the dissatisfaction smouldering in the country ever since the military overthrew Dr. Nazim el Kudsi's A-Shaab Government and arrested the Cabinet. The riots in Aleppo coincided with Kudsi's return, following his release from prison on Saturday.

Aleppo is one of the strongholds of the A-Shaab Party, and the Syrian army took resolute, ruthless action against the demonstrators. Army units turned out immediately to augment the local police force, and occupied all key points in the town.

Meanwhile, ANA reported on Sunday that Col. Shishakly's land reform is crystallising, and a detailed plan is soon to be announced providing for the distribution of some seven million dunams of state, and effendi-owned land among some 150,000 landless peasants.

An official spokesman in Damascus announced that the distribution will be made through family co-operatives embracing from 20 to 50 families, with each family receiving 15 to 20 dunams.

Martial Law Declared Throughout Iraq

Martial law was proclaimed throughout Iraq late Monday night following Sunday's demonstrations against the Portsmouth Treaty, ANA reports.

The army was alerted, while in Baghdad, Basra and other main towns troops occupied key positions.

USSR Files Second Protest on SACME

LONDON, Tuesday (Reuter). — The Soviet Union has made a fresh protest against creation of the Middle East Command in notes to Britain, France, the U.S. and Turkey.

The official Soviet news agency, TASS, in a despatch received in London today, quoted a note handed to the envoys of the four countries yesterday. In it the Soviet Union claimed the Command meant "the entanglement of the countries of the Near and Middle East in the preparation of a new world war."

The note said the Middle East Command was "meant to serve the aim of encircling the Soviet Union and the People's Democracies," and said responsibility for any situation which the "aggressive plans may provoke is borne entirely by the U.S. and the other initiators of these plans."

MAY SHELVE SACME

LONDON, Tuesday (ENA). — While Washington reports say that plans for the proposed Middle East Command have been shelved, "The Daily Telegraph" in an editorial on the new Egyptian Government states that the SACME offer to Egypt still holds good.

The paper opines that the offer may possibly be more favourably received as the bitterness of recent weeks recedes.

"The News Chronicle" points out that the establishment of SACME still offers an honourable settlement to Egypt's legitimate inspirations.

Small-Scale Trend Is No Disaster

Opposition groups on the left and right yesterday attacked the Government's agricultural settlement policy in the debate on the Minister of Agriculture's Knesset speech. The Minister, Mr. Levi Eshkol, will close the debate today.

The statement and debate arose from a motion in the Knesset recently by Mr. Shimon Greidi (Yemenite) to debate the cause of the flight of immigrants from new settlements. In the debate, critics of the Government said that this trend was a crisis, while Government supporters said that there was no disaster if 1,000 families out of the 20,000 settled on the land left for the cities.

Mapam speakers said that the Government's settlement programme had failed mainly because they had failed to instil ideology in the new immigrants. They advocated that settlement should be carried out through the partisan settlement organizations. Mr. Aharon Zisling, former Minister of Agriculture, said that most of the progress had been in collective settlements.

Speakers of the General Zionists and Herut said that the aim of agricultural development was not only to raise food but also to settle immigrants and for security. On top of that, they argued, the Government wanted to use it for the implementation of socialist principles. They argued that nothing had been done to encourage the expansion of existing villages and to encourage middle class immigrants to go in for farming.

PRIVATE BUILDING WILL CONTINUE

"The Ministry of Commerce and Industry does not intend to stop private building altogether," a Ministry spokesman stated yesterday. He was referring to plans now being studied by the government for construction works and the supply of building materials.

These plans are connected with the economic deliberations of the Cabinet and it is therefore not expected that the new orders on building will be issued before the economic discussions of the Cabinet are concluded.

(See Press Comment — Page 2)

A.U.B. STUDENTS DECLARE STRIKE

The Student Committee of the American University in Beirut announced a strike of the student body on Monday in protest against the arrest of seven of their number in Sunday's demonstrations and clashes with the Lebanese police, ANA reports.

The committee called on the students of other Lebanese high schools to join the strike.

Agency Discusses Tunis Immigration

The pressing problem of immigration from Tunis was discussed in the light of current political developments at yesterday's meeting of the Jewish Agency Executive in Jerusalem. The problem is to be discussed next Monday by the Agency-Government Coordinating Committee.

A report on Jewish prisoners in Iraq was presented by Mr. Zalman Shazar, who presided. Mr. Levi Eshkol, Director of the Agency's Colonization Department, reported on the progress of financial talks with the Government.

A renewed Poalei Agudat Israel request for inclusion of its representatives in the Agency was referred to the Executive's plenary session, scheduled for March 4.

Last Libyan Jews Arrive

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The evacuation of Jews from Libya ended today with the arrival of the last group of 402 immigrants aboard the s.s. Artzah. They included 60 Youth Aliyah boys and girls and 11 blind persons.

There are now only 3,500 Jews left in Libya, a Jewish Agency spokesman stated here today. The absorption of the 31,350 immigrants who had arrived since 1948 had presented no special difficulties, as most of them were of working age, except for the last group, which included a considerable number of sick and invalids.

Libyan Jewry's interest in Israel was aroused during World War II by soldiers of the Jewish Brigade stationed at Benghazi and Tripoli, where Mr. Abba Eban, then in the British Army, was Town Major. Until then, only 873 Jews from Tripoli had settled in Palestine. Newcomers from Tripolitania make up 4.5 per cent of the total immigration, in addition, their birth rate is the highest, the Agency spokesman said.

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JUDICIAL DILEMMA

DURING a break in the recent all-night session of the Knesset it was suggested to Dr. Joseph that if control contraventions were not being prosecuted f a s t enough, he might, in his capacity as Minister of Commerce and Industry, raise the question in a letter to himself, in his capacity as Minister of Justice. It may have been as the outcome of such interdepartmental correspondence that Dr. Joseph on Tuesday chose the platform of the Knesset to criticise the leniency of court sentences. Let it be said at once that there is indeed good reason to question whether a small or in some cases even a substantial fine can be considered as adequate punishment, much less as efficient deterrent. It has also been pointed out in these columns that the notorious delay in criminal and civil jurisdiction has become a matter of grave concern.

Whereas delays can easily be explained by the fact that the number of judges is much too small in relation to the steadily increasing number of cases, it is more difficult to justify the course now taken by the Minister of Justice. It has often been said that our Courts of Law are one of our greatest assets and that their integrity and conscientiousness is beyond challenge. Dr. Joseph himself will be the last to dispute this fact, but this being so he ought to have been the last to make any public utterance which might have such a disturbing effect.

On the question of minimum penalties, the Minister's arguments were far from convincing. Even if Continental legal systems have adopted this principle, the English system would seem to be preferable whereby legislation avoids the minimum sentence. The reason is obviously that the judge must be free to examine facts and evidence and to use his discretion in assessing the merits of the case and in applying the law. Any departure from this principle constitutes a danger to the independence of the Judiciary.

Not content with his unfortunate attack on the courts, Dr. Joseph found it necessary to have another "go" at the Press. His contention that local newspapers are less responsible than p a p e r s abroad is not borne out by the following examples: A recent leading articles in "The Times," entitled "The Worst Crisis," stated that, if the present decline in gold and dollar reserves continued, the price of bread would be settled not in Whitehall but in New York, Paris and Zurich." And last Sunday's "Observer" warned of the danger of a forced devaluation of Sterling which would cause "outright bunger and large-scale unemployment." Commenting on a Ministerial speech on the crisis, the paper said: "After the penitential psalms, the sermon," — a sentence which Dr. Joseph would probably chastise as libellous, if not blasphemous.

Conscious of its public duty, a responsible newspaper will readily support the Government in any constructive e f f o r t to master a precarious situation. But it must reserve the right to report the facts, to interpret and to comment, irrespective of the displeasure it may incur in some quarters.

From Yesterday's Press:

Mixed Reaction To Egyptian Events

While all papers reported in their headlines that the Ali Maher government in Egypt had been given a vote of confidence, "Kol Ha'am" (Communist) reported instead an impending descent of American naval forces on Egypt. "Herut" warned that attempts would again be made to appease the Arabs on our account, a danger which was even greater after the ouster of Nahas Pasha. We should declare in unequivocal terms that we shall never agree to such a course, the paper says.

The "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) political correspondent is not surprised by the Egyptian "coup," while "Davar" (Histadrut) is of the opinion that Israel-Egyptian relations will not be directly affected.

"Haboker" (General Zionist) describes as an "intrigue to liquidate private building" the Government's decision limiting the right of building contractors to use building materials which have been brought to this country as non-payment imports. The paper says that this is "unmitigated robbery," because those people who have invested their capital in importing building materials are now going to lose their money. The moral aspect is even worse, the paper maintains, accusing the Government of seeking to evade a Knesset discussion on this subject. There is no precedent for such measures in a democratic country, concludes the paper, and its effect is apt to be not only liquidation of private building but also of investments in Israel in general.

"Davar" on the other hand, says that private building has put enormous pressure on the Government and it has been a dangerous competitor to immigrant housing projects. In 1951, 45 per cent of all investments here were in the building sector, the paper says, asserting that there was no country in the world whose national economy would not be endangered by investing such a high percentage of its capital in building. Moreover, the paper says, recent years had brought prosperity to the building contractors, because many people were willing to pay many thousands of Pounds for a room. At a time of mass immigration, "Davar" argues, such a state of affairs cannot continue. One first order of the day must be improvement of immigrant housing conditions. Most countries have regulations directing building work in times of emergency, "Davar" notes — only here has it been a free-for-all. The paper expresses hope that the Government will be able to withstand the campaign of the building contractors and their political pressure groups.

POLICE DESCRIBE SEAMEN'S FIGHT

HAIFA, Tuesday. — Testifying for the prosecution at the continuation of the trial of 30 seamen of the s.s. Tel Aviv in the District Court here today, A.S.P. Y. Bodinger, of the Port Police, said that when he and two constables boarded the ship, the captain shouted: "throw them into the sea." Mr. Bodinger, who was in charge of the operation, stated that the fight stopped when he told the sailors that they had already killed two of his men. (The Port Police commander, Mr. Y. Shuffy, denied at the time that this stratagem had been used).

Mr. Bodinger said that his orders, received on the same day, had been to ensure the unloading of cargo, but not to remove the crew. Before the operation he had told his men "no reprisals, we are all Jews."

Cross-examined by the defence, the witness admitted, however, that on the previous day he had received orders instructing him to "take the striking crew off the ship." The trial will continue today.

Charged with embezzling IL.520 of Jewish Agency funds, Zvi Friedman of the Agency's Treasury Department in Tel Aviv, was detained yesterday and later released on IL.400 bail.

Today's Post Bag

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Fair turning cloudy.

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Avraham Shlonsky, the poet, and six others charged with unlawful assembly and breach of the peace pleaded not guilty in the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court yesterday. They are charged with holding an illegal public meeting, in support of the seamen's strike, on December 10. The hearing was adjourned until February 10.

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Mr. Abram Mekmel, 21, was injured yesterday morning in Jerusalem when he was knocked down by a car driven by Mr. Shlomo Foerder 42, of Tel Aviv. He was admitted to Hadassah Hospital, and the driver detained for interrogation.

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Two 14-year-old girls and a 17-year-old youth were arrested in King George Avenue in Jerusalem on Monday night and charged with posting pro-Herut posters without a permit. The posters contained excerpts from an article by Dr. A. Karlebach, editor of "Ma'ariv," published nearly three years ago.

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A French tourist, Josef Birnboum, charged with organized smuggling of food parcels from abroad and possessing seven Israel Identity Cards of deceased persons, was again remanded by the Tel Aviv Magistrate yesterday. While being detained on January 21, he allegedly offered IL.200 bribe to a policeman for his release.

Search for Gadna Boys Continues

PETAH TIKVA, Tuesday. — Troops and police continued searching today for the two Gadna boys, Aharon Slepak, 17, and Razi Damiel, 16, who have been missing since Saturday.

Car Plant Strike Settled

HAIFA, Tuesday. — The 44 Kaiser-Frazer foremen a n d office workers who went out on strike yesterday will return to work tomorrow, following the signing late tonight of a new labour contract by representatives of the management and the Haifa Labour Council.

MORE PAY RISES APPROVED

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Trades Union department of the Histadrut today approved 12 per cent pay increases for edible oil workers; 12 to 15 per cent for printing workers, and 15 per cent for drivers, porters, carpenters and food trade workers.

TWO WIN IL.1,000 EACH

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Numbers 213, Series 88, and 499, Series 63, won the IL.1,000 first prize in the Hapayis Municipal Lottery drawing at the Ohel Shem hall here this afternoon.

The four winners of IL.500 prizes were: 909 Series 98; 365, Series 100; 200, Series 77, and 734, Series 47. Ten prizes for IL.150, and 26 for IL.100, as well as 9,000 minor prizes were announced.

The drawing was supervised by the Treasurers of the Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, and Haifa Municipalities, and public representatives.

Happy End To Desert Theft

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Robbed of about 5,000 dollars while trekking across the Hadramaut desert to Aden, on their way to Israel, six Habanim families are to get their money back.

The robbers were apprehended by the Aden police, who informed the British Consulate here. Yesterday morning, the families signed affidavits in the Consulate entitling the Chief Rabbi of Aden to take possession of the stolen property and send it to its owners in Israel.

NO LAW AGAINST PROTEKZIA

HAIFA, Tuesday. — "There were no regulations whatever in the offices of the Controller of Supplies, and the contractor who banged the table hardest got the allocation," Mr. S. Z. Finkelman, an official in the building section of the office, told Judge M. Landau at the close of the trial in the District Court here today of Mr. G. Dohan, former head of the Heavy Industry section. Mr. Dohan is accused of obtaining a flat in return for services rendered a contractor.

"From what I have heard here, it is easy to say that 'protektzia' (favouritism) prevailed in the office," the Judge said, "but the criminal law did not provide for that." The witnesses say that the head of the office was entitled to "help" his officials to get flats, the Judge said, "but I say that he had no such right and will have more to say about it in my judgment."

Sentences Withheld After Joseph Statement

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Stating that he was liable to be influenced by the Minister of Justice's statement in the Knesset on sentences, Judge Zvi Baker, Relieving President of the Tel Aviv District Court, today postponed passing sentence in a case before him.

Mr. Baker found Shamai Tennenbaum guilty of trying to bribe a policeman in order to facilitate the grant of an exit visa last July. In order to pass sentence in accordance with the facts of the case, the Relieving President adjourned the court for a few days until the effects of Dr. Joseph's statement had worn off.

None of the District Court Judges here passed sentences today. It is reported that Judges are contemplating a countrywide conference on the issue. *(See Editorial)*

Kiryat Binyamin and Ramat Hadar were designated Local Councils by the Ministry of the Interior yesterday.

Book Import Cuts 'Isolate' Israel

A total of IL.12,000 in foreign currency has been allocated for book and newspaper imports in February, representatives of the Book Importers Association and the Israel Students Union announced at a joint press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. At a recent meeting with the Director-General of the Finance Ministry, Mr. David Horowitz, book importers had asked for an allocation of IL.500,000 for 1952.

The drastic curtailment of book imports constitutes a serious danger to the country, in terms of its isolation from the scientific life of the world, reporters were told. Scientific research and the preparation of lectures is already hampered by the lack of new scientific literature, Prof. Leibovits, of the University, pointed out. Referring to the Prime Minister's recent statement at the Haifa Institute of Technology — "There will be no austerity in science" — Prof Leibovits asserted that this promise had not yet been implemented.

In his meeting with the importers Mr. Horowitz had indicated that in the future, instead of the official rate of exchange a "more realistic" rate would prevail on book purchases. The effect of this revision, it is understood, will be a doubling or trebling in the present cost of imported publications, since the official rate of exchange prevails, however, on Israel publications sold abroad, the price of such publications are prohibitive.

Contractors Say Joseph In Contempt of Court

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The Central Committee of the Association of Contractors and Builders resolved here today to request the High Court to charge the Minister of Commerce and Industry with contempt of court. The decision follows the contractors' allegation that the Ministry's "competent authority" for the allocation of cement had failed to carry out the Court's order nisi of November 27, 1951, which ordered the Ministry to meet the demands of the contractors for an equitable distribution and allocation of cement.

The contractors claim that despite numerous written and verbal applications to the Ministry since the date of the court decision nothing has been done to meet their requests.

Lawyers Discuss Council Nominations

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The lawyers' attitude towards the newly appointed Law Advisory Council was discussed by the Lawyers' Association Council here today. No decision was taken after a four-hour debate, and a further meeting was scheduled for next week.

The controversy arose when the Minister of Justice, Dr. Dov Joseph, deviated from the tradition of his predecessor, Dr. Pinhas Rosen, and refused to appoint the members of the Lawyers' Association Board as a body to the Legal Council. Out of the 18 names proposed by the lawyers, only 16 were appointed, and eight other names added.

Taft, Stassen To Run in Primary

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE, Tuesday. — Senator Robert Taft and Mr. Harold Stassen are to be entered as candidates in the New Hampshire Presidential primary on March 11 against General Eisenhower, the only other Republican candidate so far entered, it was announced last night.

General Eisenhower was officially listed as candidate for the Republican nomination, when the deadline for the withdrawal of his name passed yesterday.

General MacArthur has attempted to withdraw his name completely from the struggle by asking all Republican Convention candidates who had gone on record as supporting him to retire from the contest. The "MacArthur for President" organization, however, issued a statement yesterday, refusing to withdraw.

Approval of Bonn Talks By U.S. Jewish Body

NEW YORK, Tuesday (Reuter). — The American Jewish Committee at its annual meeting here yesterday supported the current moves to reach a settlement of Jewish material claims against Germany.

It made this decision in a resolution which described Chancellor Adenauer's statement of September 1951 and the action of the West German Parliament which promised to outlaw anti-semitism and made restitution for crimes perpetrated against the Jews, as "a first step toward Germany's assumption of its moral and legal responsibilities for the unprecendented crimes committed by the Third Reich."

The resolution added: "No financial settlement can atone for the unspeakable horrors the Nazis perpetrated upon Jews."

NEW EXCHANGE RATE FOR 60,000 TOURISTS

A special currency exchange rate may be fixed for the 60,000 tourists expected here this year, Dr. Dov Joseph, Minister of Commerce and Industry, hinted yesterday at the annual conference of the Israel Travel Association in Jerusalem.

Though the number of tourists has doubled since 1949, when 23,000 visited the country, the foreign currency spent here last year fell to an estimated IL.1m. — half of what it had been in 1949, Mr. A. Melamed, Chairman of the Association declared.

REFUSE TO SELL FISH

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Fishmongers today refused to take Turkish frozen fish for sale, claiming the profit was too low. The fishmongers earn at least 40 pruta per kilo on frozen fish, but get more than double on live fish, which is sold at much higher prices than imported goods.

Customs Police surprised a group of Haifa Port workers stealing cloth yesterday morning. One was caught with 144 metres of silk, but three others, whose names are known, escaped.

Talks to Replace Violence in Tunis

TUNIS, Tuesday. — M. Jean de Hauteclocque, French Resident-General in Tunisia, said today he thought that new diplomatic talks would take the place of the violence and police action which have swept Tunisia. "It is difficult to predict what will happen but I believe there will be calm in the country," he added.

The French Cabinet sent M. de Hauteclocque a note on Saturday to be delivered to the Bey of Tunis. The note is believed to show a moderation in the French attitude towards Tunisia's demands for independence.

Habib Bourguiba, nationalist leader, had said in an interview on Sunday at the village of Tabarka, where he is in exile, that disorders would break out again this week, unless France took advantage of the calm to make some new gesture to the Tunisians.

Over two brigades of army and police, with tanks standing by, today began the second phase of the search of the Cape Bon peninsula for leaders of the past two weeks' riots. An undisclosed number of arrests was made today, reportedly without resistance.

The army has ordered a curfew in the Central Cape Bon sector from 9 tonight to 6 a.m. tomorrow. Bills posted on main buildings warn that those ignoring the curfew will be arrested and those resisting arrest will be shot at sight. Army authorities yesterday searched villages in the southern sector of the Cape — main trouble spot of nationalist agitation.

A small power station was today blown up by terrorists at Mateur in eastern Tunisia.

The general strike in Arab quarters of Tunis, in effect since January 18, was ended yesterday on orders from the Neo-Destour Party. (A.P., Reuter)

Party Quarrel Stops Picking

TEL AVIV, Tuesday.—Orange picking in the Ein Harod groves stopped yesterday afternoon following a new Mapam-Mapai quarrel. The matter will be brought before the Settlement Department of the Agricultural Workers Union tomorrow.

The dispute arose when Mapai sent a larger group of pickers to work than Mapam, who demanded a work team made up of equal members.

Over 1,000 persons were checked in a draft-dodger search in the Hadera area yesterday. About 750 signed bonds to present themselves at recruiting offices.

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Social & Personal

Mr. Yigal Kimche, representing President Weizmann; Mr. Walter Eytan, Director General of the Foreign Ministry; Dr Michael Simon, Chief of Protocol; and Mr. Gershon Avner, Director of the West European Division of the Foreign Ministry, called at the Icelandic Consulate yesterday in Tel Aviv to express their condolences on the occasion of the death of the first President of Iceland.

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At a luncheon party given by the Israel Minister to London and Mrs. Elath at the Lemon last Tuesday, the guests included the Yugoslav Ambassador and Mme. Brilej, Lord and Lady Silkin, Mr. and Mrs. Aneurin Bevan, Mr. and Mrs. Neville Bland, and Mr. and Mrs. Moshe Keren.

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Dr. Emanuel Neumann, of the Jewish Agency Executive, will leave for England and the U.S. today on official business. He will return in time for the plenary session of the Executive in March.

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Mr. Benyamin Mintz (Poale Agudat Israel), Deputy Speaker of the Knesset, left by B.O.A.C. yesterday en route to the U.S. on party business.

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A farewell party for Aluf David Shaltiel, first Israel Minister to Brazil, was given by Brazilian immigrants in Tel Aviv yesterday.

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Madame Pablo Manguel, wife of the Argentine Minister to Israel, left by B.O.A.C. yesterday for the Argentine, where she will discuss with Madame Eva Peron, wife of the Argentine President, the dispatch of parcels to Israel.

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A group of Ethiopian priests, headed by Bishop Phillipe Mogietta, crossed into Israel at the Mandelbaum Gate in Jerusalem yesterday, for an extended tour of the Holy Places.

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Mr. Yoseph Weitz, Director of the Land and Afforestation Department of the Jewish National Fund, and Mrs. Weitz, have returned from a visit to Latin America.

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Mr. Wellesley Aron, Senior Representative in Israel for Pan-American World Airways, returned by El Al yesterday from a short business trip to Europe.

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Mr. George Taussig, Swissair representative in Tel Aviv, left yesterday for Zurich on airline business.

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Dr. Abram May, Professor of Business Administration at the University of Amsterdam, will lecture on "Cost Accounting and Business Policy" under the auspices of the Hebrew University in Hall 73, Ratisbonne Building, at 8.15 tonight.

Readers' Letters

BEZALEL EXHIBITION

To the Editor of The POST

Sir — In "Jerusalem Art Notes" of January 13, your reviewer mentions in connection with a display of arts and crafts at Seenger's shop that the annual Arts and Crafts exhibitions at the Bezalel Museum were discontinued. It is true that since the third exhibition of this kind which took place at our Museum in 1947 circumstances did not permit us to renew an event which we ourselves think most important. It is therefore with great pleasure that we are going to have the fourth exhibition of Applied Art in Israel in the very near future. As already announced it will be opened at our Museum in Jerusalem at Passover, i.e. at the beginning of April, 1952. We feel that this exhibition will be of particular interest, as it will give an opportunity to many newcomers to show their work for the first time.

Yours, etc.,
M. NARKISS,
Director of the
Bezalel National Museum
Jerusalem, January 16

OIL LAMPS

To the Editor of The POST

Sir, — In your "Keeping Posted" Column of December 31, mention was made that in Jerusalem it was impossible to obtain glass cylinders for oil lamps without buying a whole new lamp.

I should like to inform your readers that the shortage of electricity during the month of December had so greatly increased the demand for oil lamps, that even these were in short supply. However, during that month 10,000 glass cylinders—some with lamps, the rest with sparus—were distributed among all household goods dealers in Jerusalem.

Yours, etc.,
M. FRANT,
(sole agent of "Gavish" J'lem)
Jerusalem, January 16.

ON THE AIR

NEWS: English: 2 and 9.30 p.m. 8.30 a.m. Service. 8.35 Agricultural News. 8.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies. 8.30 Oriental Music (R). 8.45 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Requests (R). 11.00 Housewives' Corner. 11.15 Concert Hall: Suite "Armida" (Gluck); Symphony No. 4 (Glazounov). 12.02 Break for Music (R). 12.30 Programme for Working Women. 12.30 Programme for Hospitals. 1.00 Soldiers' Programme (R).

4.00 p.m. "For You & For You" (R). 4.45 Programme for Youngsters. 5.00 Child's Corner. 5.15 Children's Hour. 5.45 Bible Reading. 6.15 Classical Request Programme. 7.45 Ethel Smith (R). **8.00 Soldiers' Programme.** 8.45 "Shdemot" Programme. 9.15 Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor: Hanoch Yacoby: Folk Suite (Yacoby). 9.45 Vocal Recital: Binah Vorst. 10.15 Melody & Rhythm (R). 10.30 Cantoral Request Programme.

Immigrants' Hour (33.3 & 49 M.): 6.30 p.m. **French:** 7.00 p.m. **Ladino:** 7.30 p.m. **Yiddish:** 8.00 p.m. **Turkish:** 8.15 p.m. **Persian.**

Kol Zion Lagola (32.2 M.). 11.30 p.m. Newsreel. 11.45 Around the Youth Movements: B'nai Akiva.

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MUSICAL DIARY

"MUSICAL Quiz," one of the most popular features of Kol Yisrael, celebrated is third birthday at the packed Y.M.C.A. on Sunday night. After an amusing introduction by Karel Salomon, Izhak Shimoni, who, together with Alon Schmuckler, has been in charge of the programme from the start, took over as master of ceremonies. On the platform were the most successful of past competitors, although it was a pity that some, like Trautchen Zimmerman, well-known by name only, were missing. The usual questions proved a satisfactory knowledge among the young music-lovers.

As at previous birthday parties, more contemporary music — and not only by Israel composers — might have been introduced. A most enjoyable surprise at the end was the performance of the new "enigma variations" by Hanan Schlesinger, who conducted the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. This was a mixture of themes, whose famous composers had to be named by the eager competitors, and awards were distributed at the end.

Rare Pleasures

The most attractive items of Kol Yisrael's musical programmes last week were Ravel's Piano Trio in A minor, well performed by Pnina Salzman, Rudolf Bergman and Daniel Hofmekler. Ravel wrote this trio in 1915, obviously using melodic material from his earlier (1911) "Valses Nobles et Sentimentales" which he adapted for his choreographic poem "La Valse" in 1920.

Those interested in rare things were puzzled to hear on Thursday afternoon, instead of recordings by Jeanette MacDonald and Eileen Joyce, and with hardly any announcement either before or after, Puccini's "Crisantema," a string quartet, in one movement, composed on the occasion of the death of the Duke of Aosta. (The recording we subsequently discovered was by the Smk Quartet). The two themes in this early work are from "Manon Lescaut." Thirty years ago, in Breslau, we heard a public performance of "Crisantema" by the Hennig Quartet, to whom the score of this work, together with two Minuetti by Puccini for string-quartet, were loaned by this critic.

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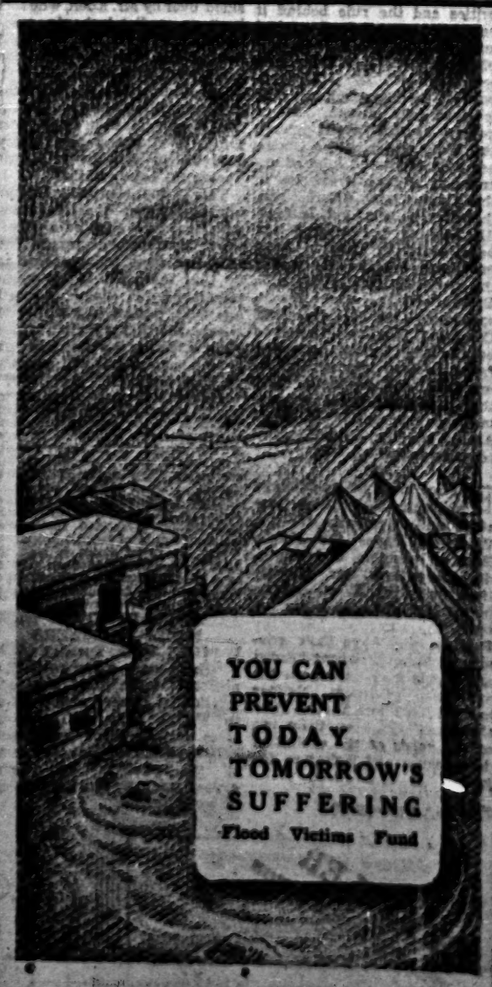
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